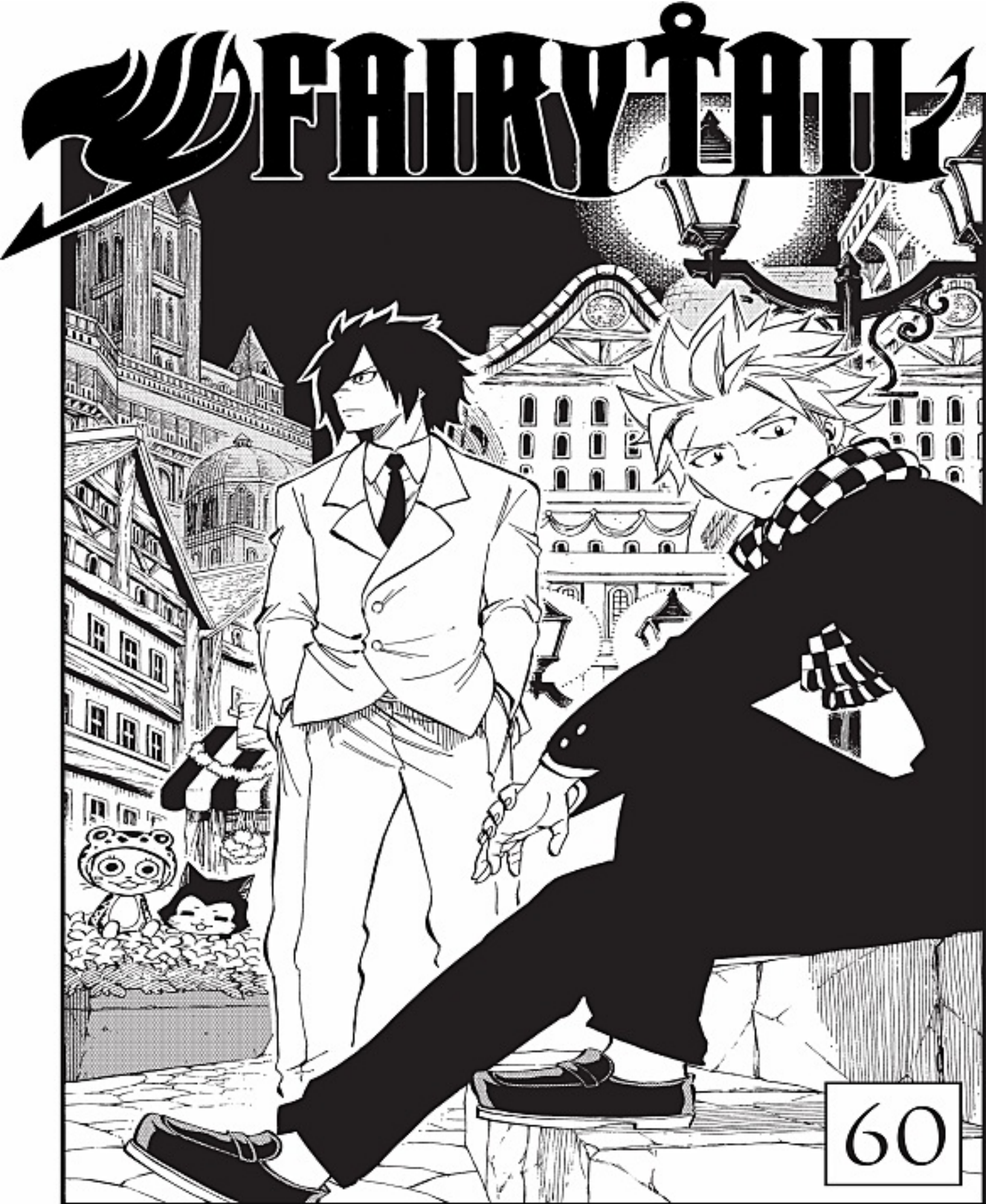


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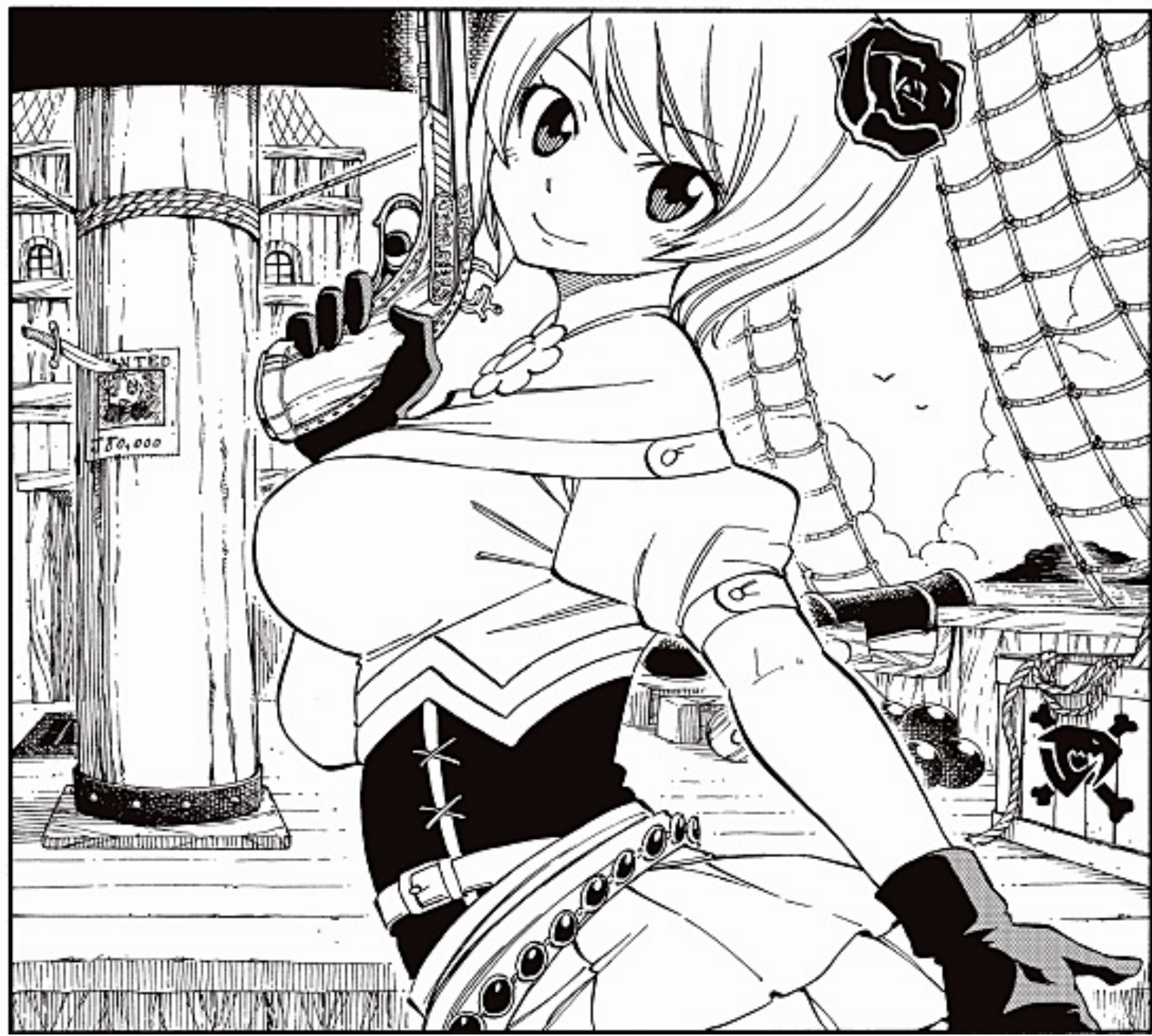
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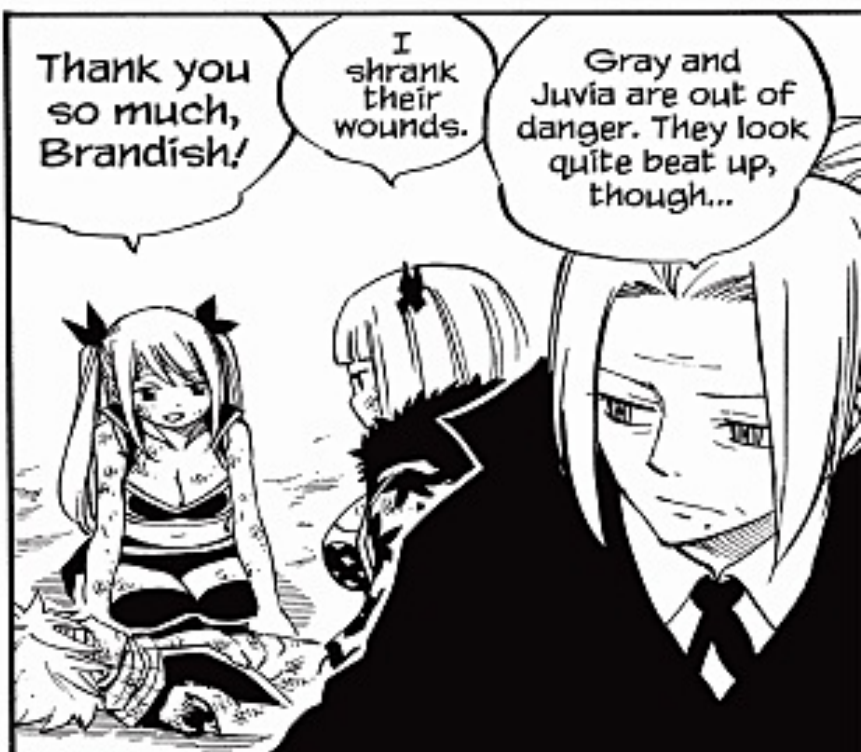
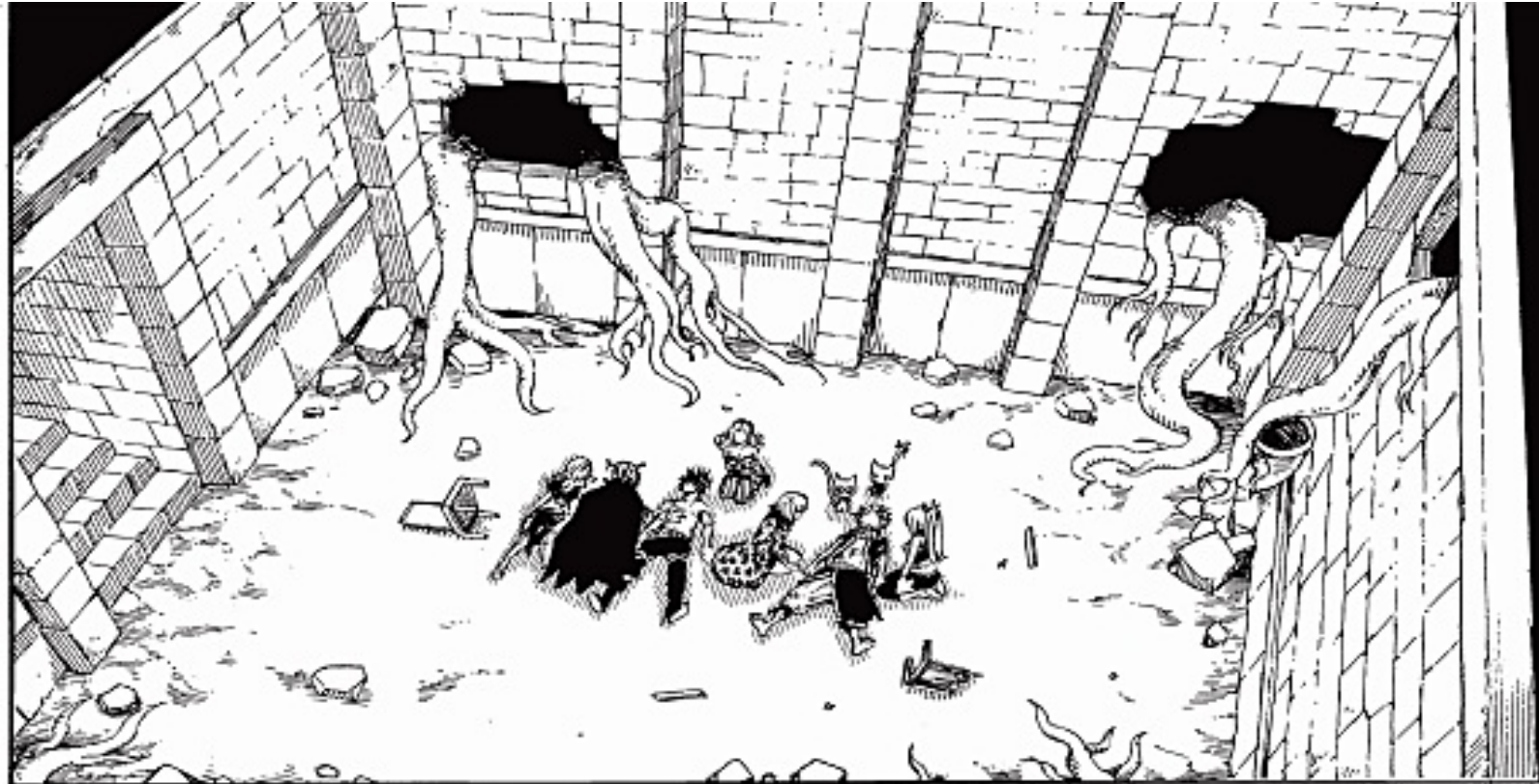
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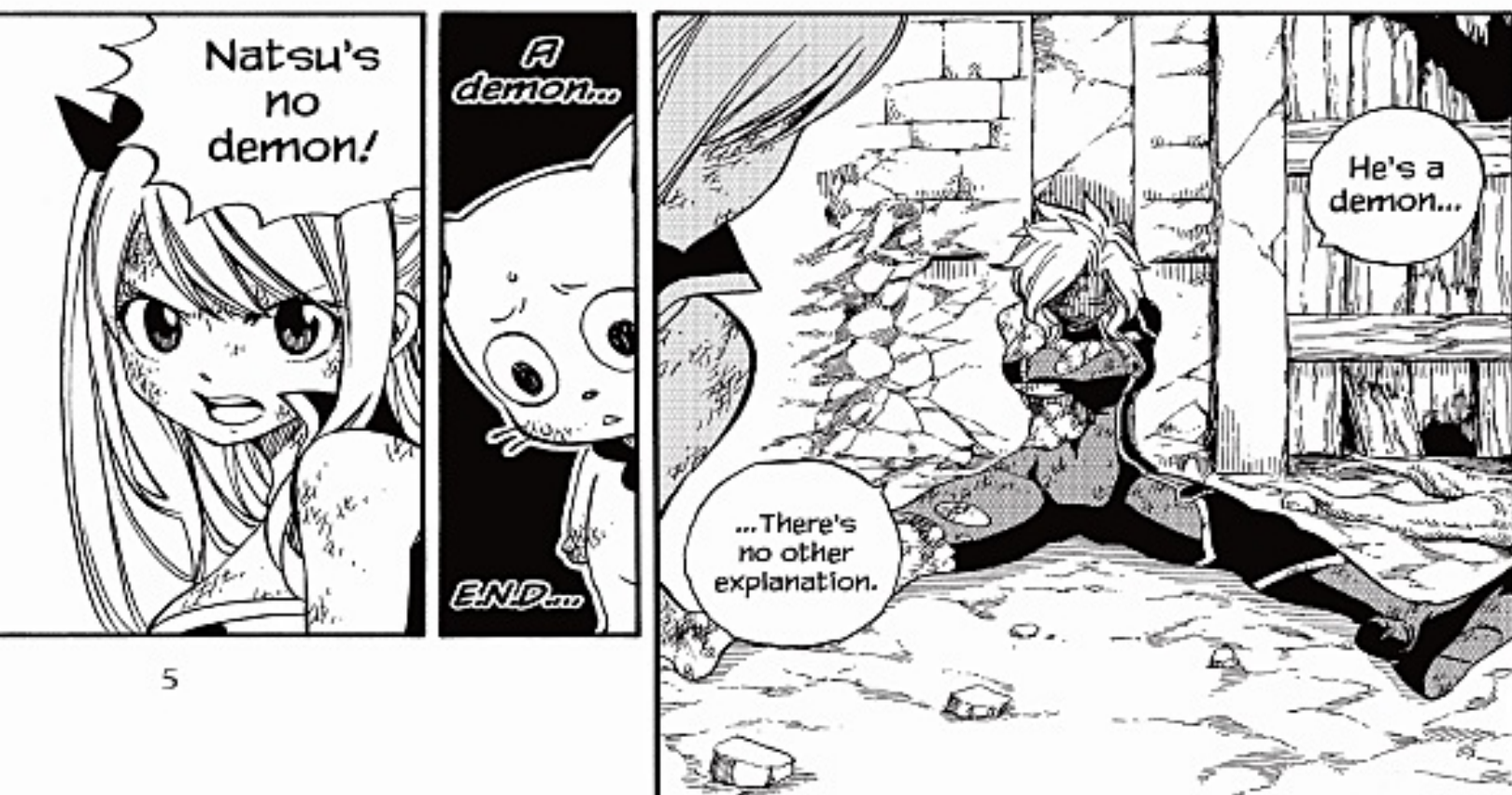
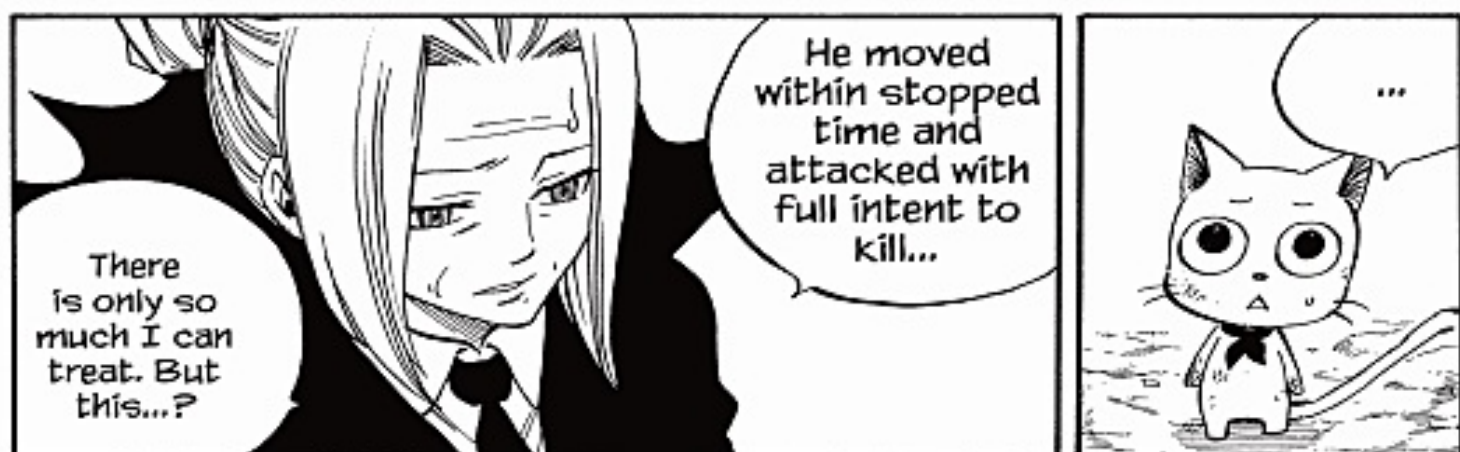
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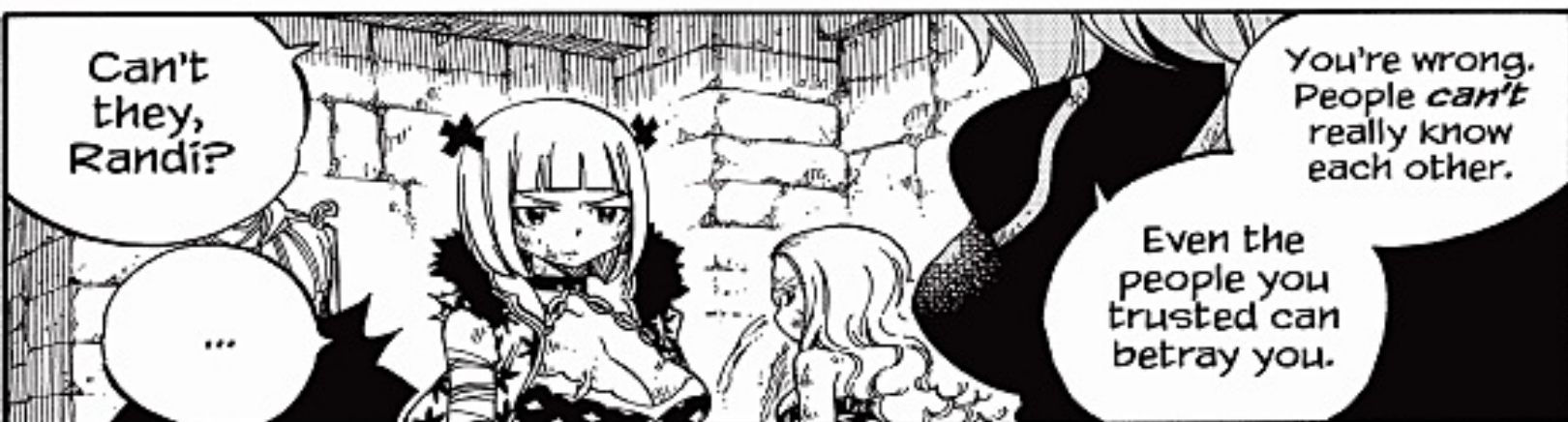
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Chapter 510: The Heart of Natsu











!!



FSSSSHHHH



Hey!
Come on,
Natsu...!



Could it be
that something
is happening
with the tumor
inside Natsu's
body...?



Natsu
!!!



There's
smoke
coming
from his
body...?



What is
this...?!



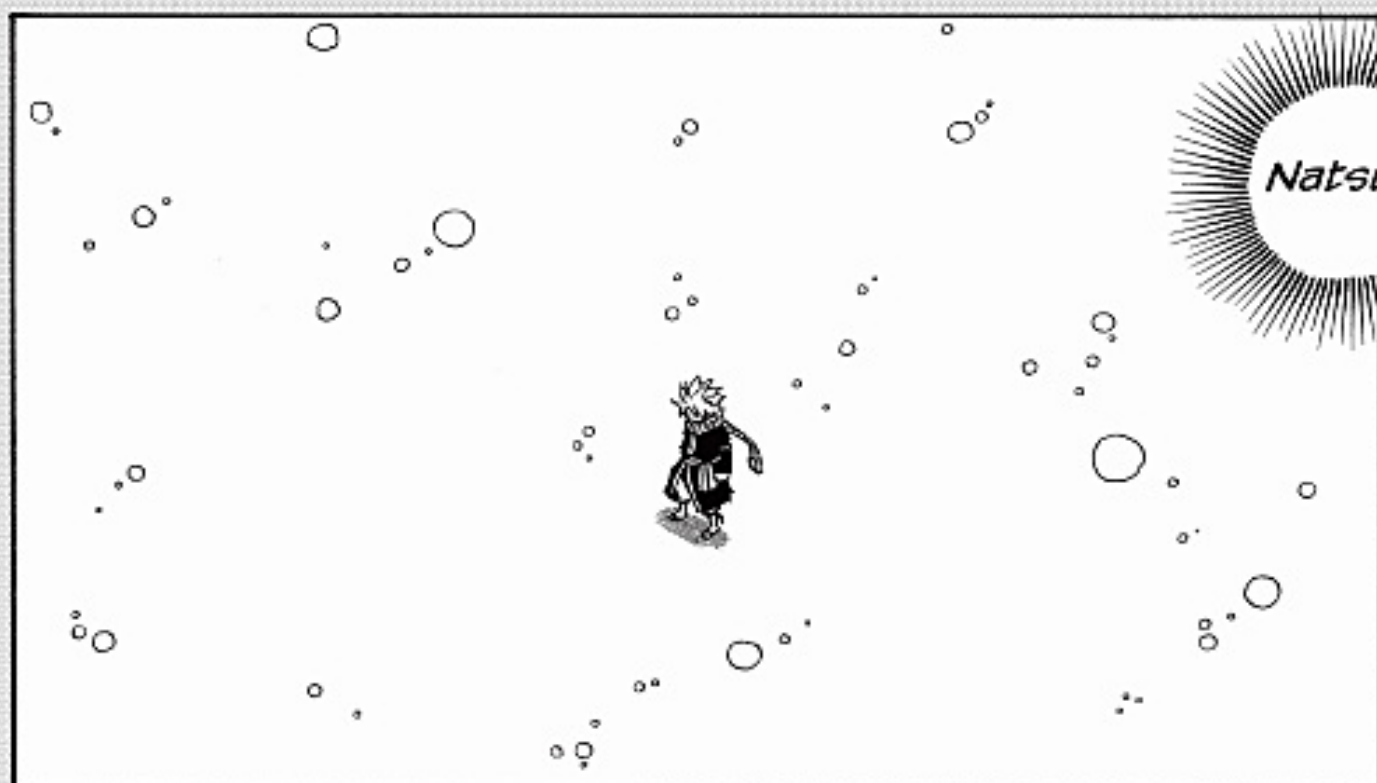
Natsu
!!!

Wake up,
Natsu!
Please!



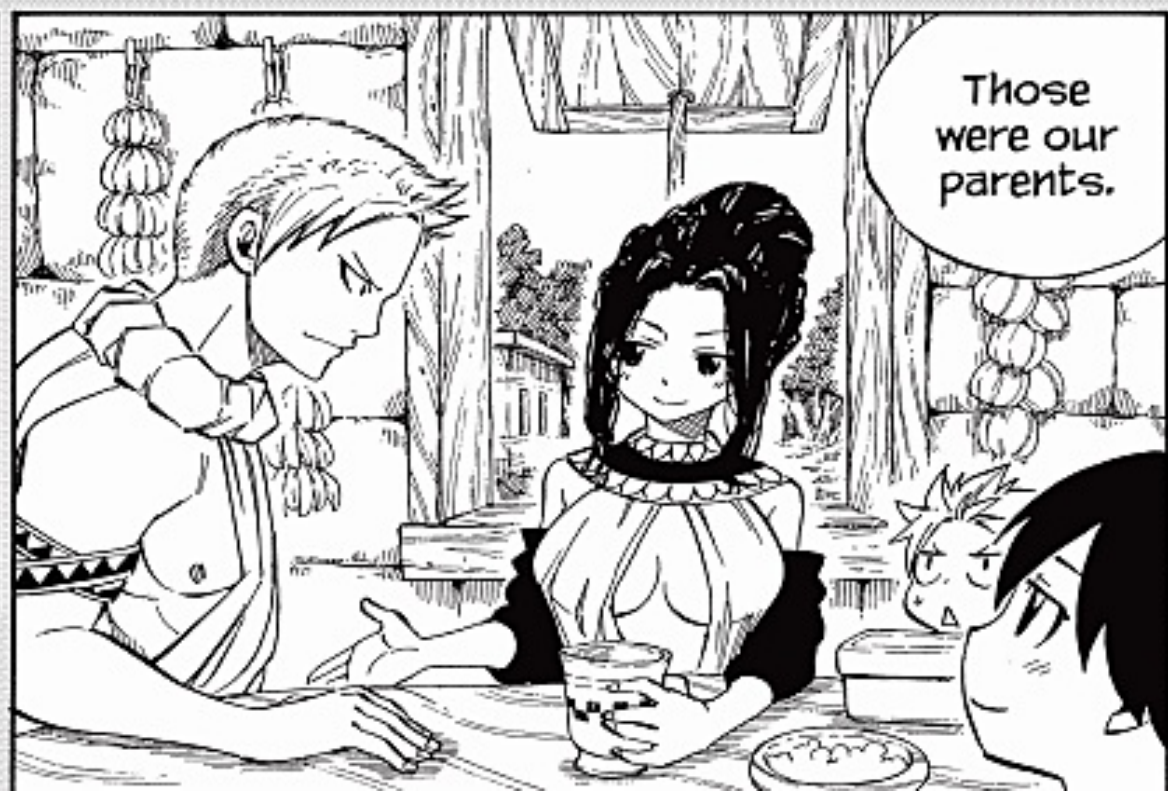
He's
cold...

BRR











But one day, a
dragon attacked.
The entire village
was lost.



But, you see...I
studied and learned...
and eventually, I was
able to bring you
back to life...

...as
the final
demon,
E.N.D.

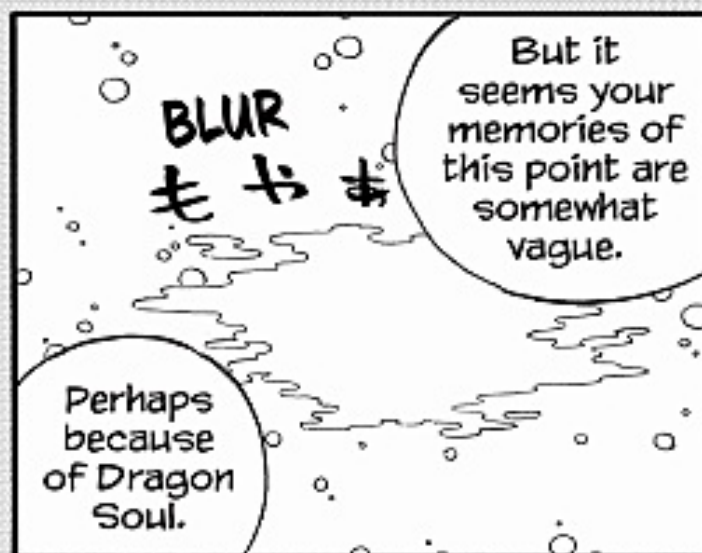


...



Our
father and
mother...

...and
you...were
all killed.



But it seems your memories of this point are somewhat vague.

Perhaps because of Dragon Soul.



You were entrusted to Igneel.

Ah, yes. We have already discussed what happened after that.



You two were always fighting.



Do you remember meeting Gajeel?

BLUR
モヤモヤ

!



Sting and Rogue were about the same age as Wendy.

They looked up to you and Gajeel as older brothers.

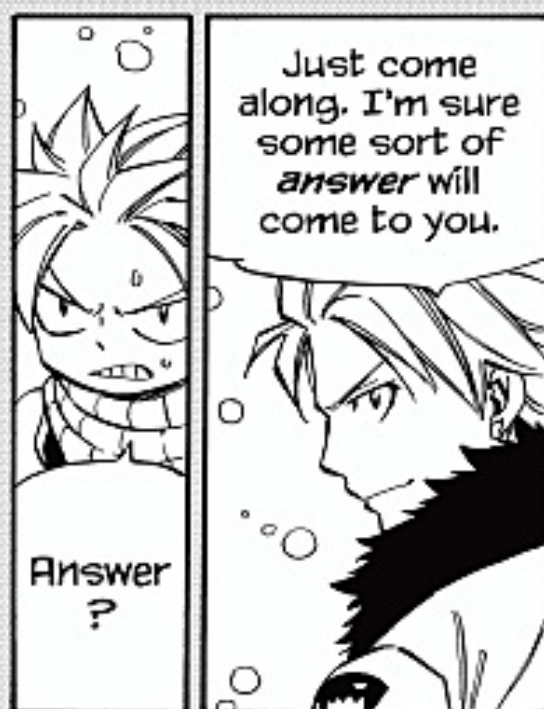


One day, another child and Wendy would meet.

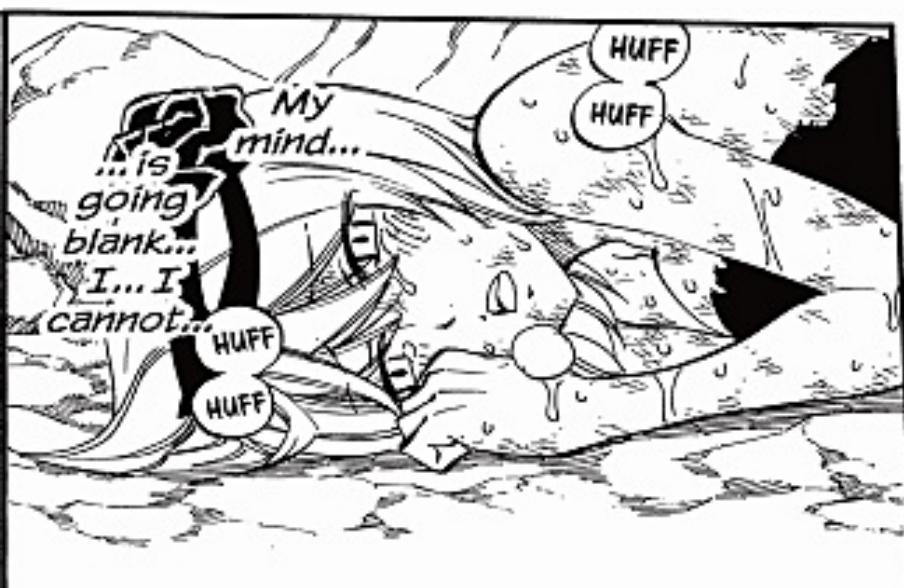
Hopefully, you two would have stopped fighting by then.

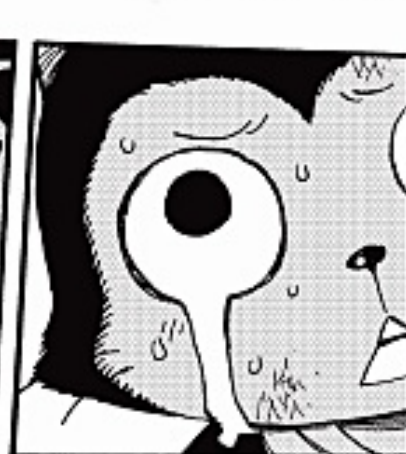


And when Wendy came to stop your fights, she was always crying.











**Sorry
for the
wait!**

BOON





You truly
thought that
would hurt
me?

ズハッ
ZWOOSH



Sting-
sama!! That
attack is...



PHEW...

That
white stuff
doesn't work
on me!



What
is this?
Tastes real
weird.

Feels
kinda nice,
though.





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Chapter 511: The Hell of Hunger





I'd understand it if he smelled like Zeref...

...but you know, Natsu-san and Zeref have different smells.

Yeah, but... Even if all that *is* true...

It's still weird that he'd have the same smell as Natsu-san.

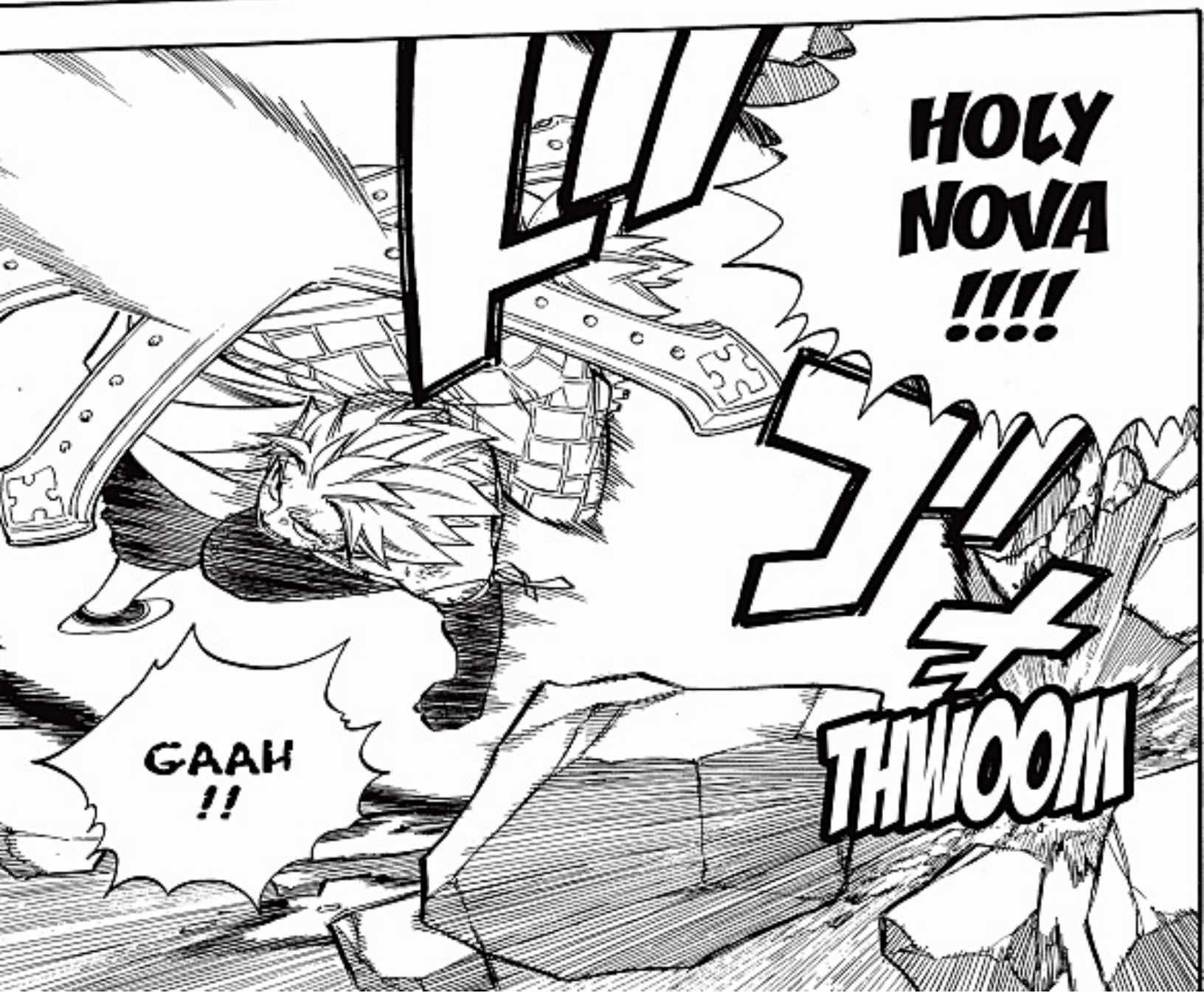
But *his* is the same as Natsu-san's.

A person's scent is different from that of his parents or siblings.

...

Well, that's because... Natsu is also Zeref's child, in a way.

CLAP





That looks
sooo tasty...



I do not
like the
look in
his eyes!



What is
the matter,
Sting-
sama?!



Sting-
kun, snap
out of it!!



Please.
Eat your
fill.



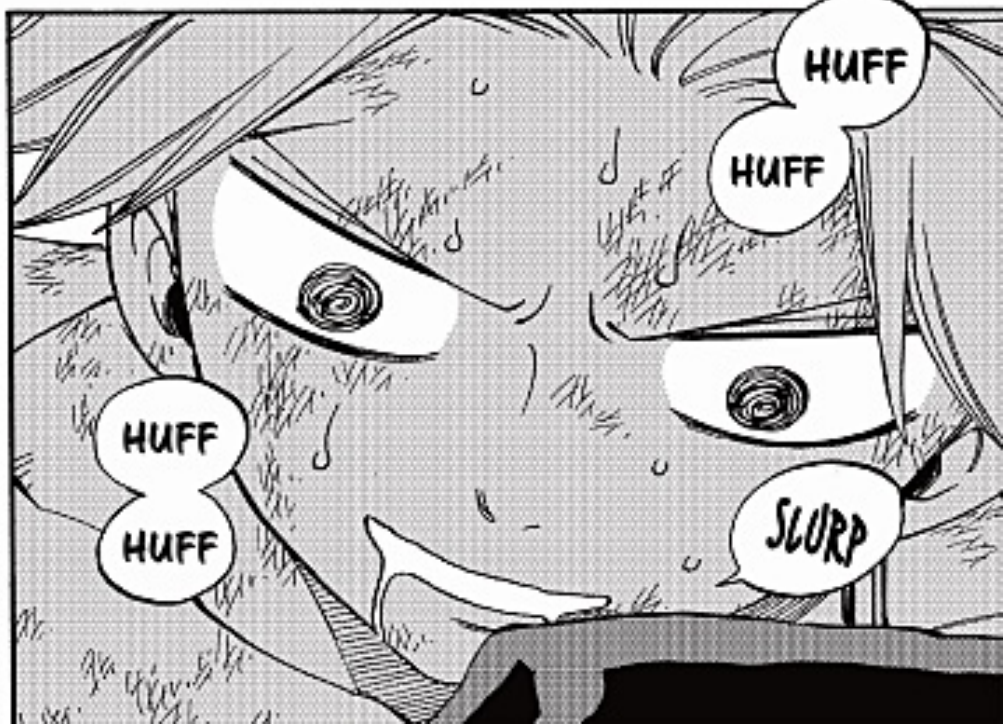
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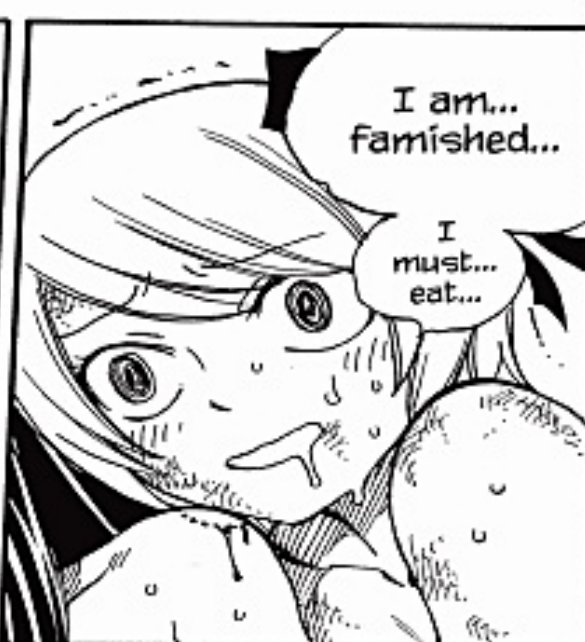
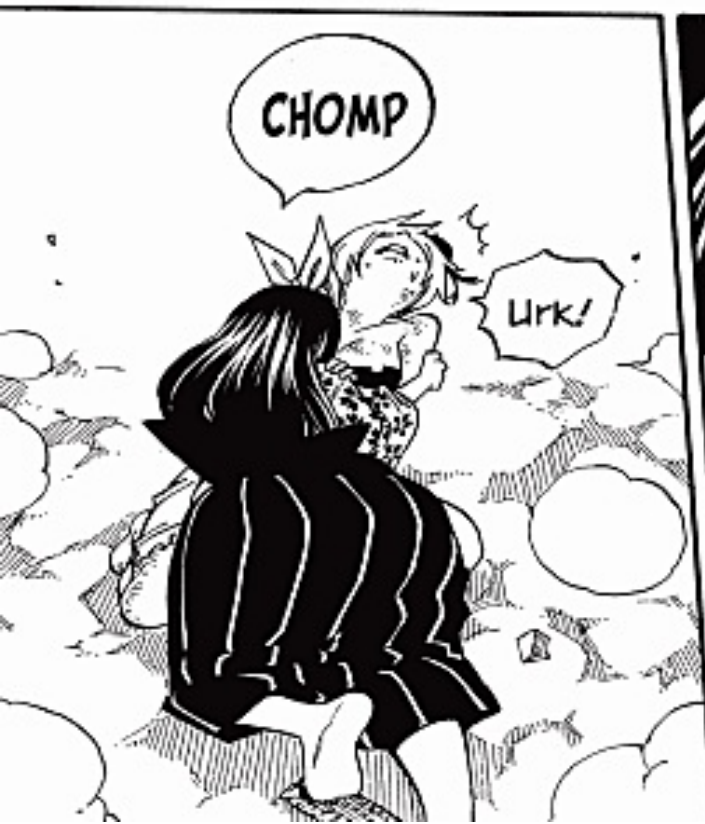
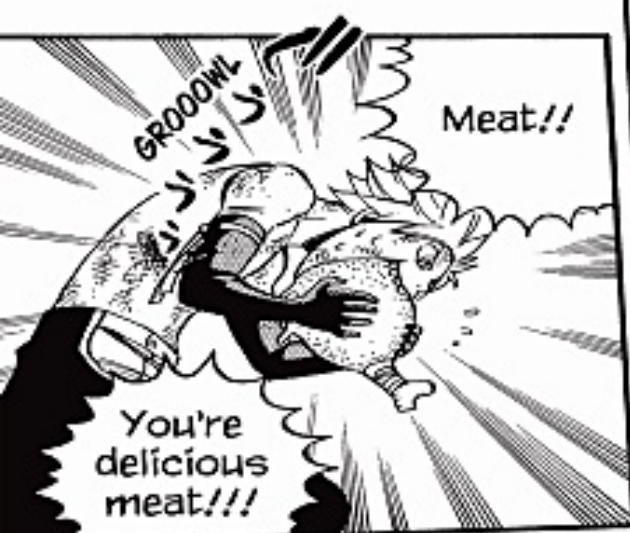
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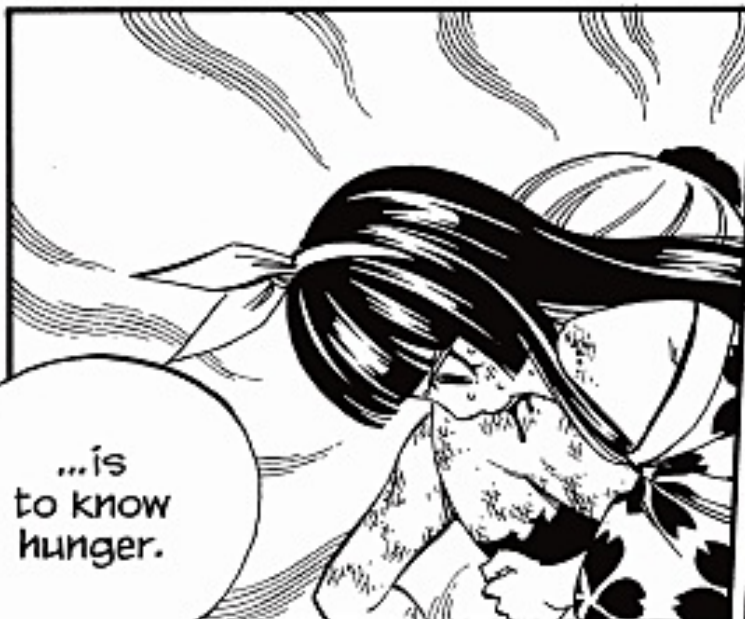
HUFF

HUFF

SLURP







...is
to know
hunger.



To be
human...



It is
fitting that
you should die
feasting upon
one another.



Fro is hungry too,
but Fro wants to
eat with Rogue,
so Fro will wait.









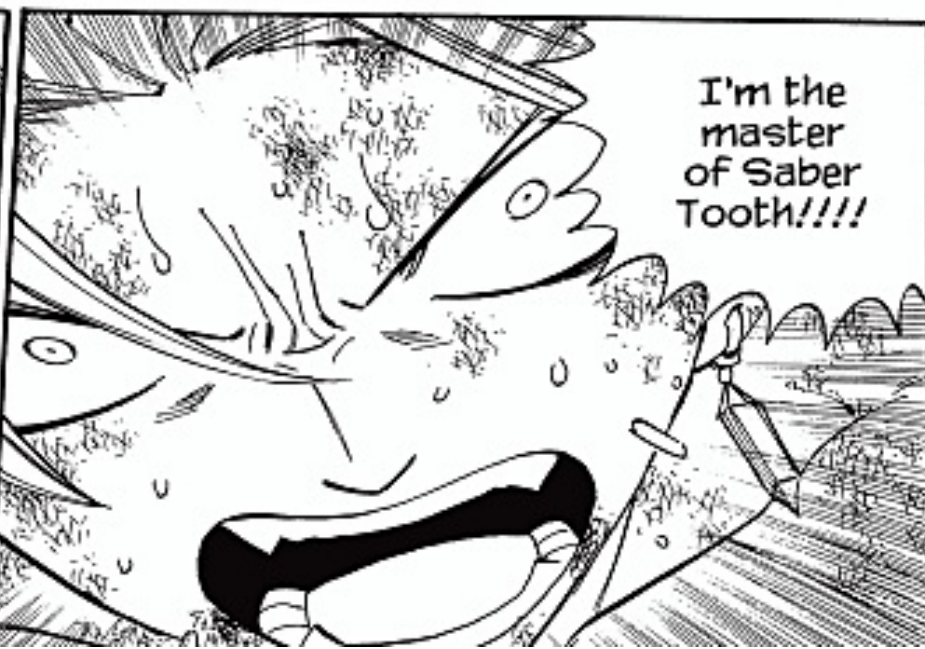
Yeah,
but I—



Hunger
saps your
strength,
does it
not?



I have
never heard
of that
guild.



I'm the
master
of Saber
Tooth!!!!





This is
all for
Natsu-
san!!!!



You see,
I have
determined
that I shall
kill him.

Then you
may relax.
I will soon
be releasing
his soul.



Rogue?!

Was
that the
princess's
Territory
Magic?



BAM



FWISH



The princess
delivered me
here for you!

Go
ahead and
eat me!

Sorry,
but I'm out
of power.



You!

Rogue...



!



But it's a
different
kind of
magic!
How can
I...



...!!!



Eat what's
left of
my magic
power!

*You're
starving,
right?!*

Naruto is shown from the chest up, looking towards the right. He has his signature spiky blonde hair and a headband with a metal plate. He is wearing his orange jumpsuit with black straps.

Humans
desire three
things—sex,
food, and
sleep.

A close-up of Naruto's face as he eats. He has a large, open mouth and is swallowing. The sound effect 'GOBBLE' is repeated multiple times in a stylized font around his head.

Well,
there's no
other choice
but to eat!

Naruto is shown from the chest up, gesturing with his right hand towards the right. He has a serious expression.

I shall now
bestow the
third of these
hungers upon
you.

Naruto is shown from the chest up, looking towards the right. He has a serious expression.

However, in
this case,
it is for the
eternal sleep
of death.

Naruto is shown from the chest up, looking towards the right. He has a serious expression.

Your smell
really gets on
my nerves!

Naruto is shown from the chest up, looking towards the right. He has a serious expression.

The fact
that a
punk like
you is still
breathing
gets
on *my*
nerves.

Naruto is shown from the chest up, looking towards the right. He has a serious expression. The sound effect 'FWOON' is written above him.

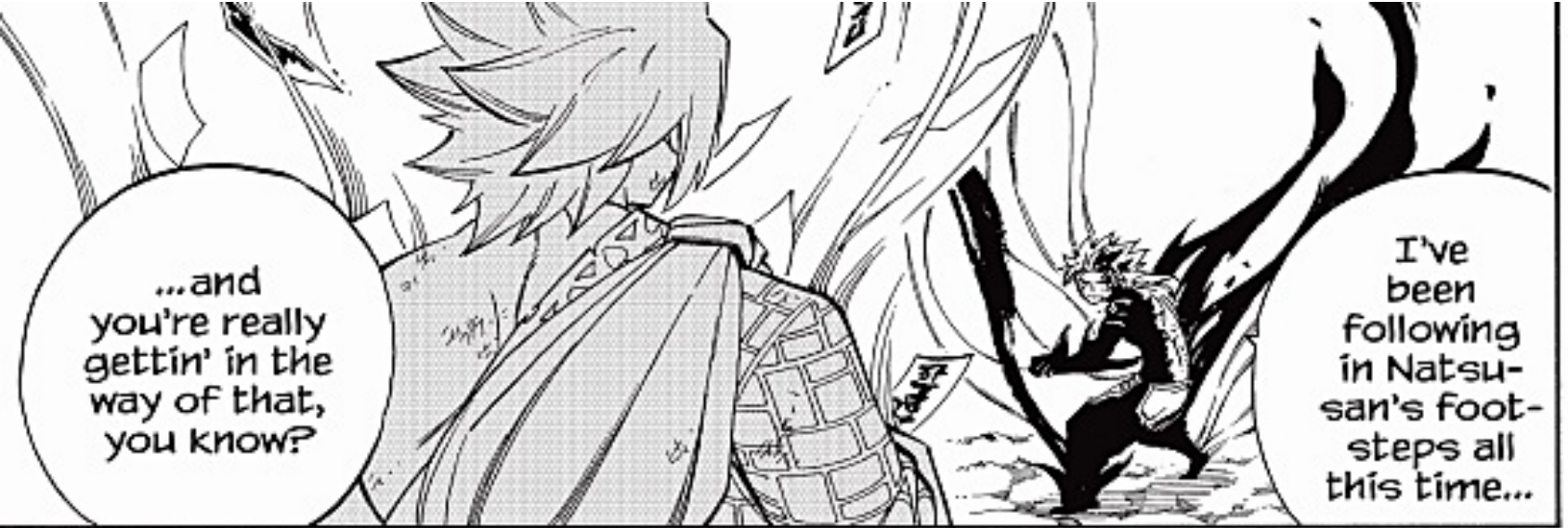
Would you
just shut up
already?!



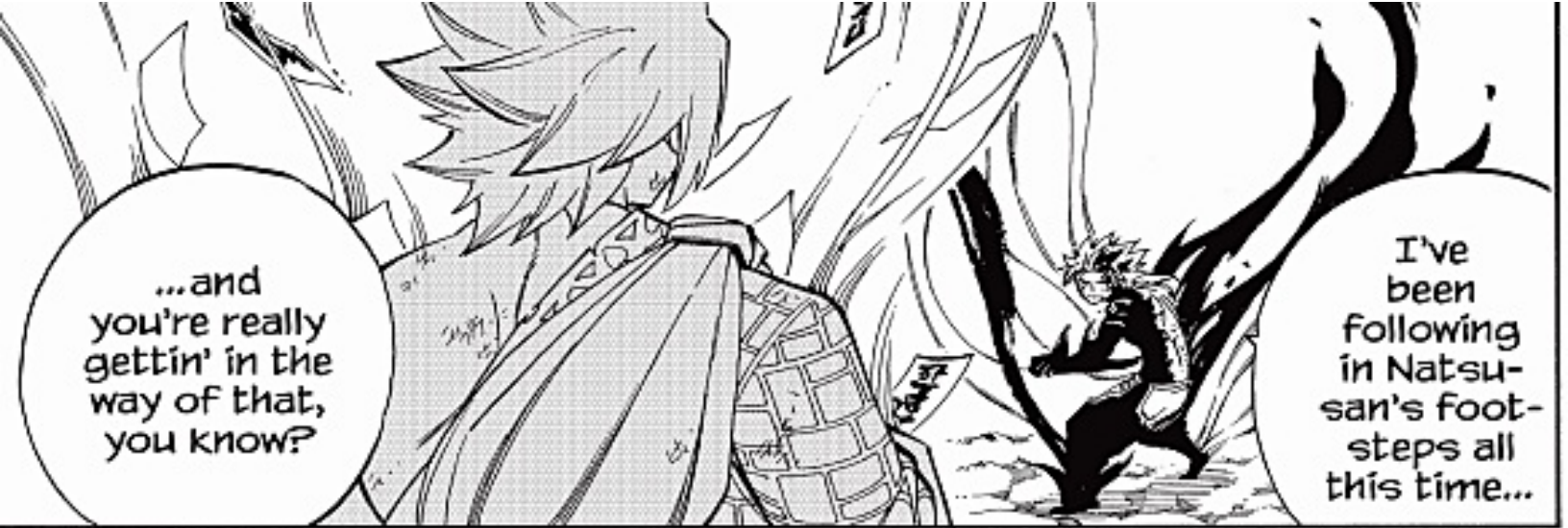
**Hey, Rogue!
I'm gonna
borrow your
power!**







...and
you're really
gettin' in the
way of that,
you know?



I've
been
following
in Natsu-
san's foot-
steps all
this time...



A
person
like you is
hardly even
worth my
time.



I
shall purify
Natsu's soul
with my own
two hands.

Chapter 512: Sting, the White Shadow Dragon



Let's see how
you like my and
Rogue's power
combined...

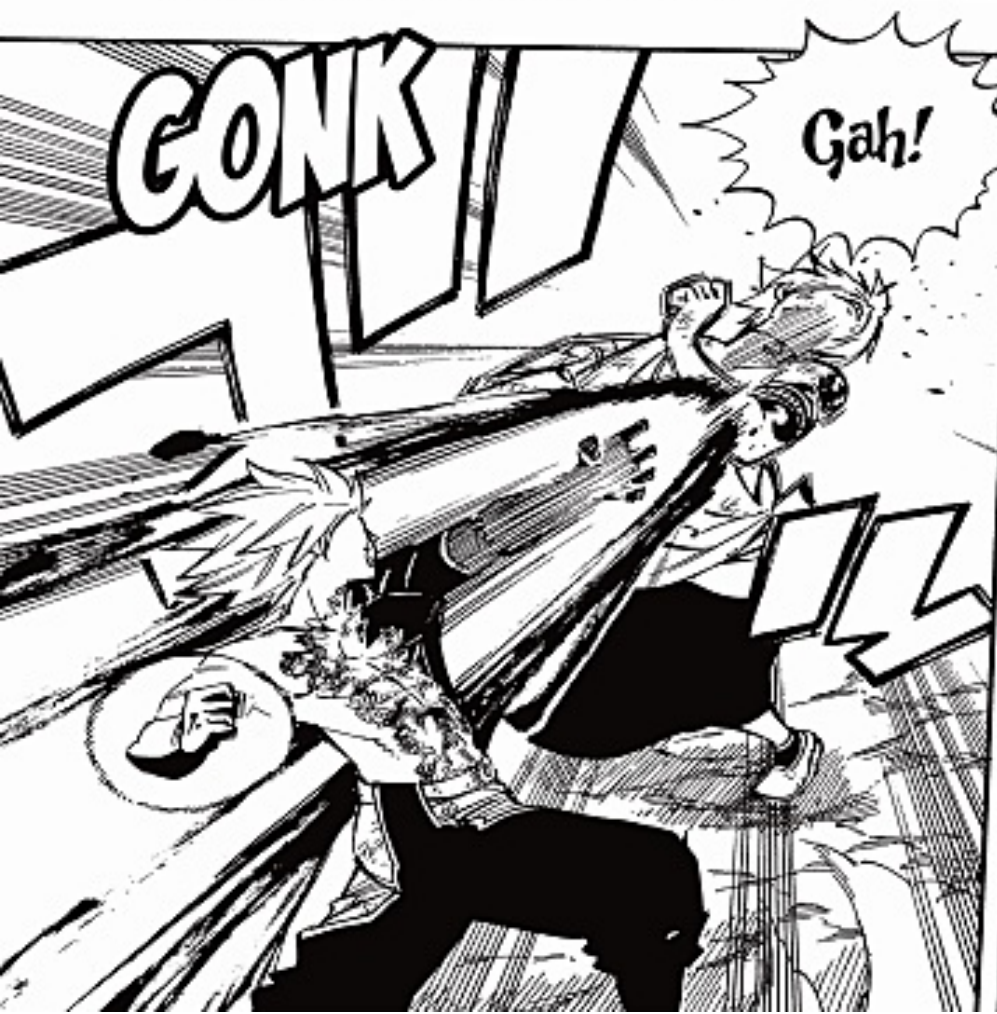


The
essence of
Saber!!!



Don't
write me
off yet!





Gah!

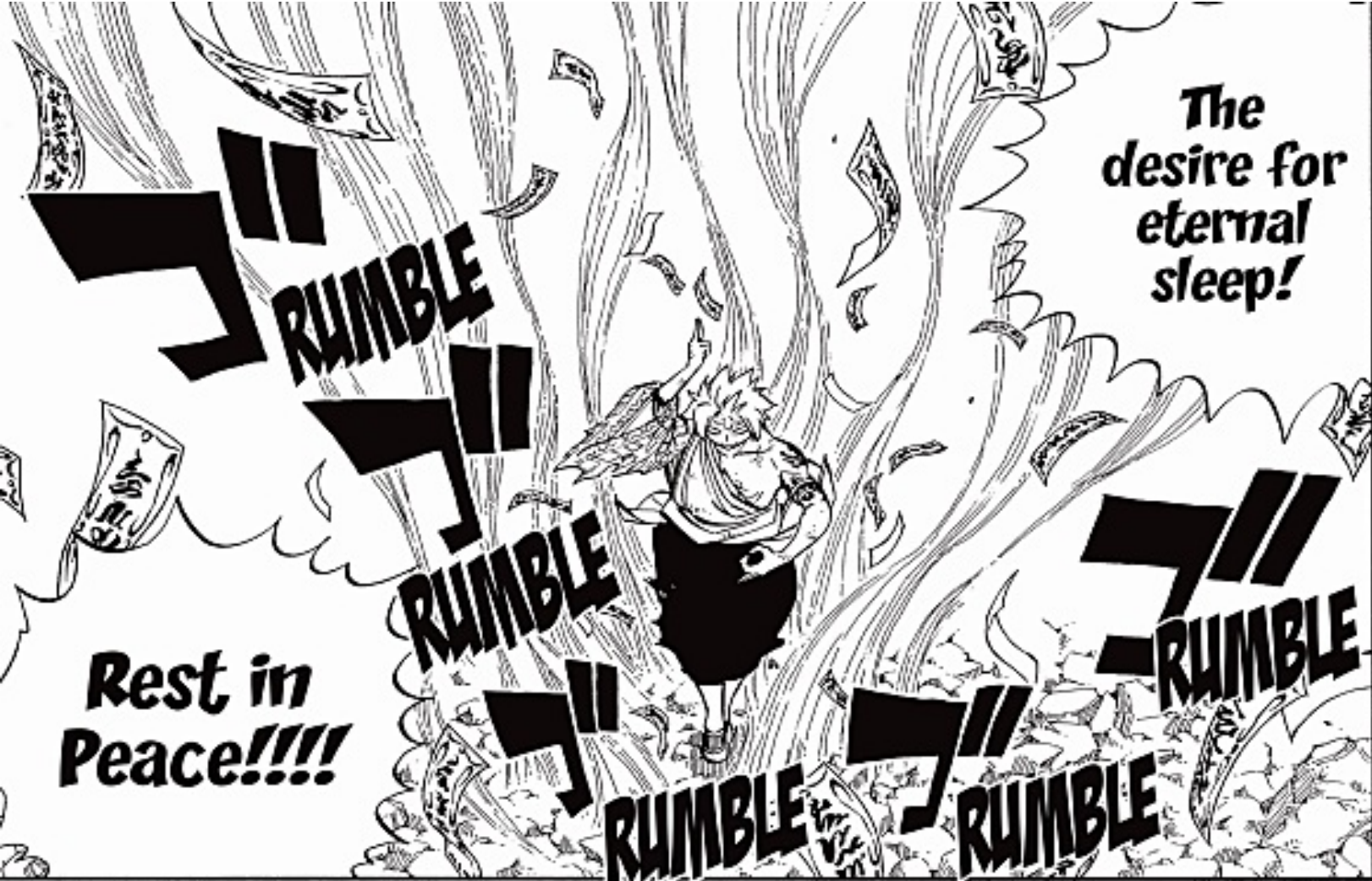


And when
I put them
together

...

BWOOSH

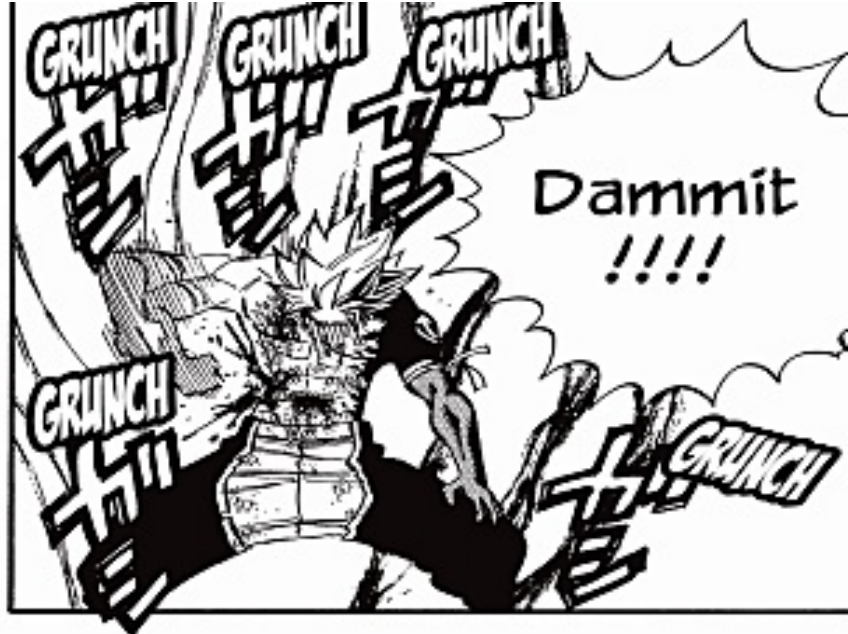






No
sleeping
!!!

Stay
awake!!!
Eyes,
open!!!!



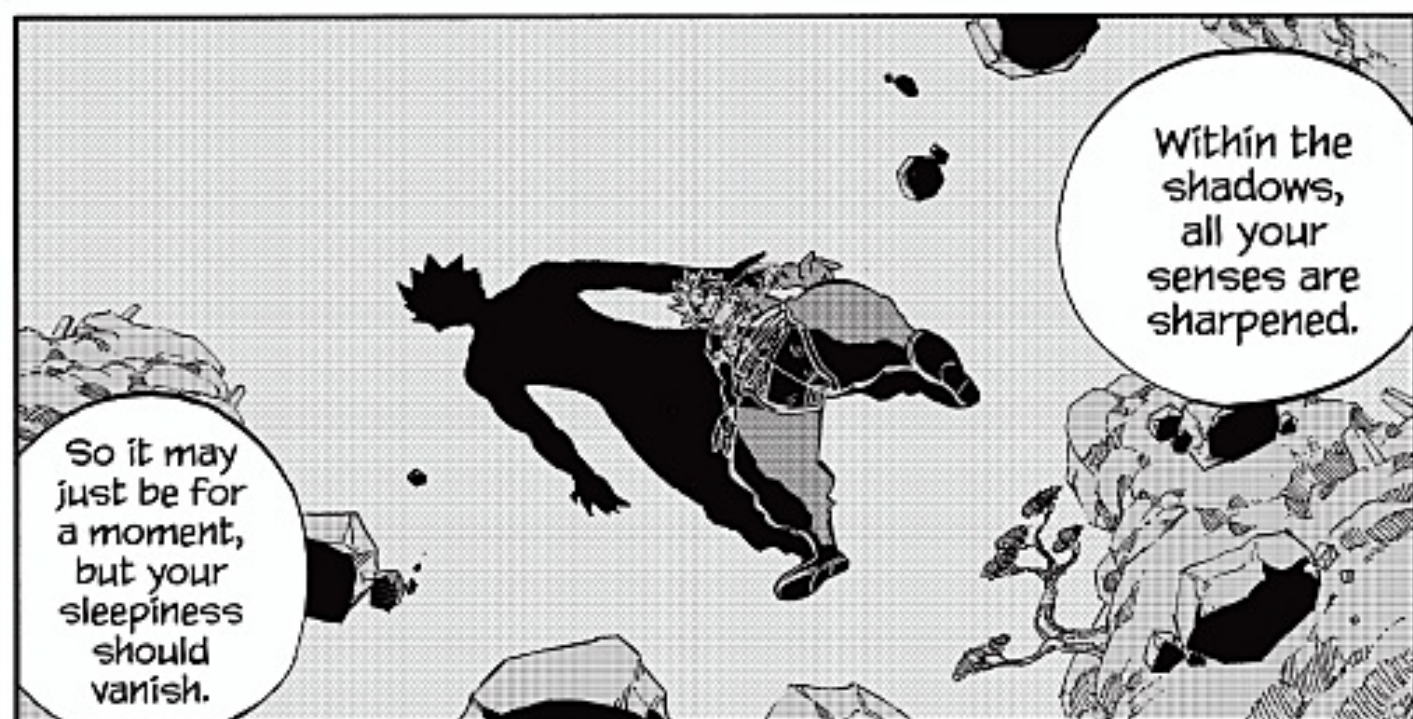
Dammit
!!!!

Even
Achnologia
shares that
weakness.

Humans
cannot
help but
succumb
to their
desires.



Thus,
I am the
one who can
defeat him. I,
the ultimate
wizard!





BLOOSH

...inside
my
shadow?

Am I...

You
are still
visible!!

Yes
!!!

It's
true...

My
senses
are being
heightened
!!

Oh,
me, too?

This is a
combined
attack from
me and
Rogue...

I call on
this soul!!!
Ascend to the
heavens!!!

...AND
KAGURA-
SAN!

Ngaa

aa

**HAKUEI
RYŪ NO
ASHIGINU***

!!!!

BAM

aa

aa

BAM

*White Shadow Dragon's Silk Thread!!!!



ZWHAM

BAM

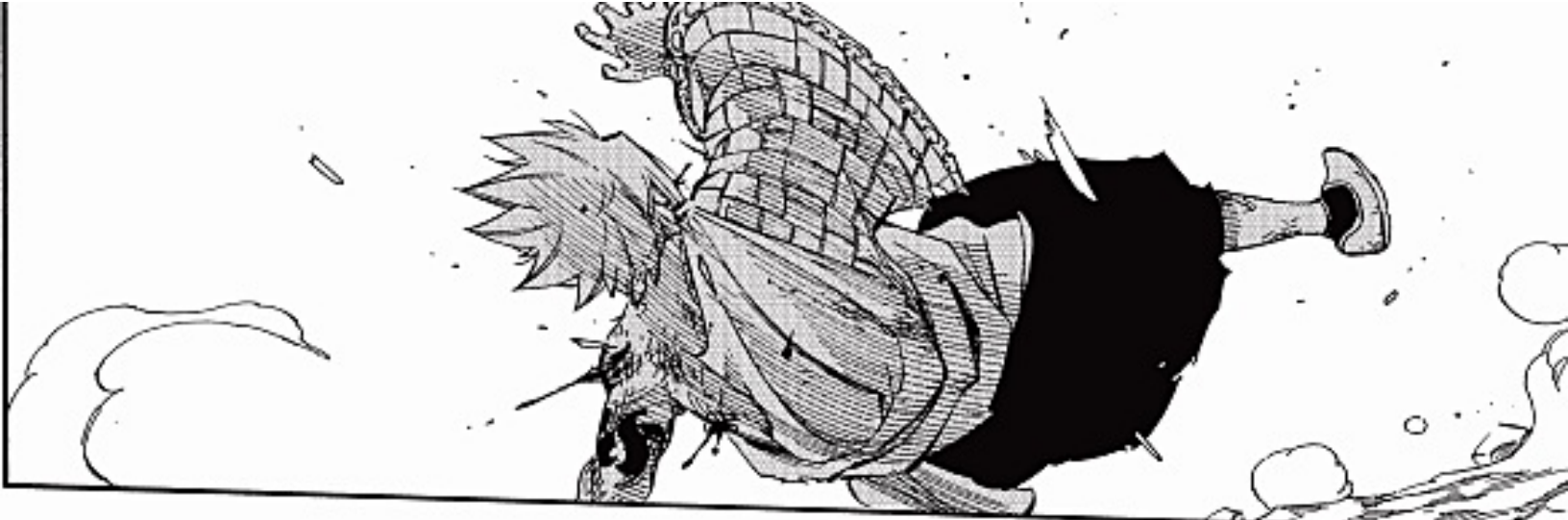
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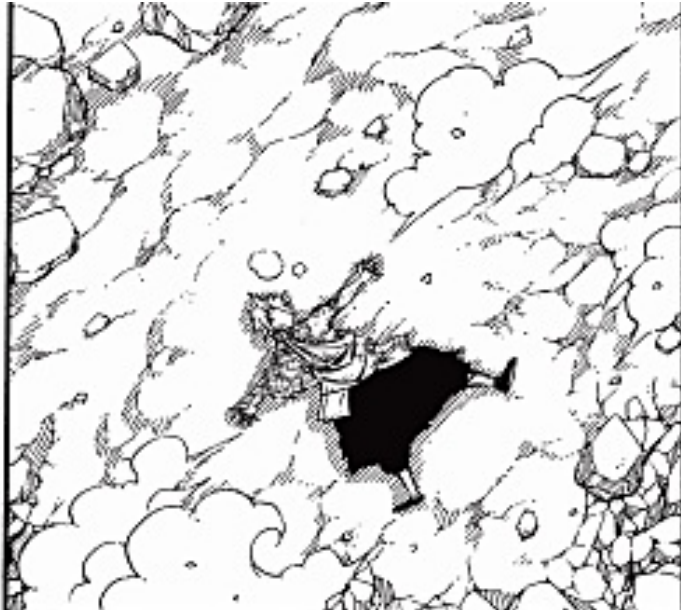
BAM

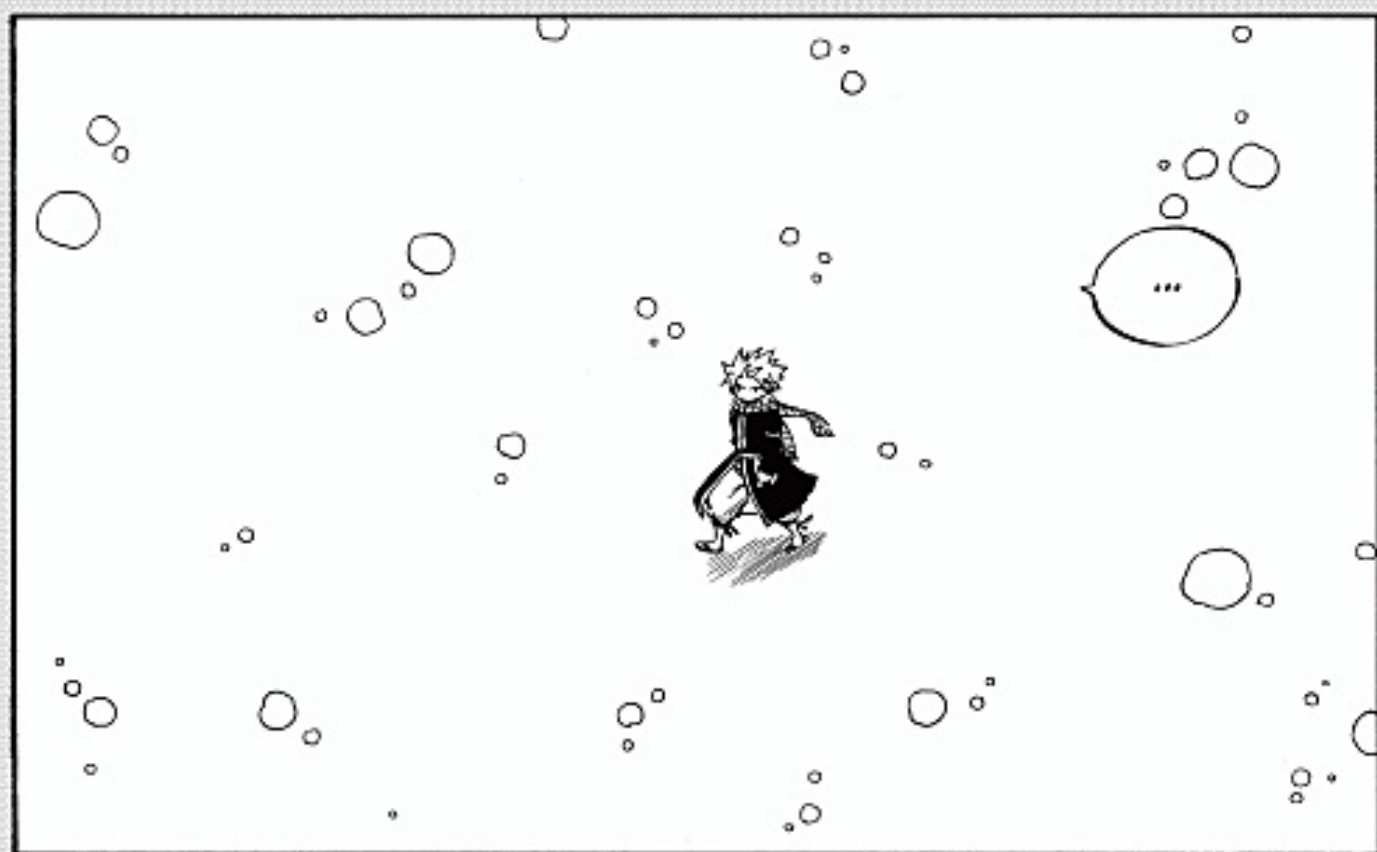
aa

BAM

aa
!!









Even *you*
wouldn't think
Igneel could knit
a human-sized
scarf...would
you?

Once the
color of a dragon
scale has faded, it
becomes possible
for human hands
to touch it.

BLUR ㄥ+

Huh? You
mean he
didn't?

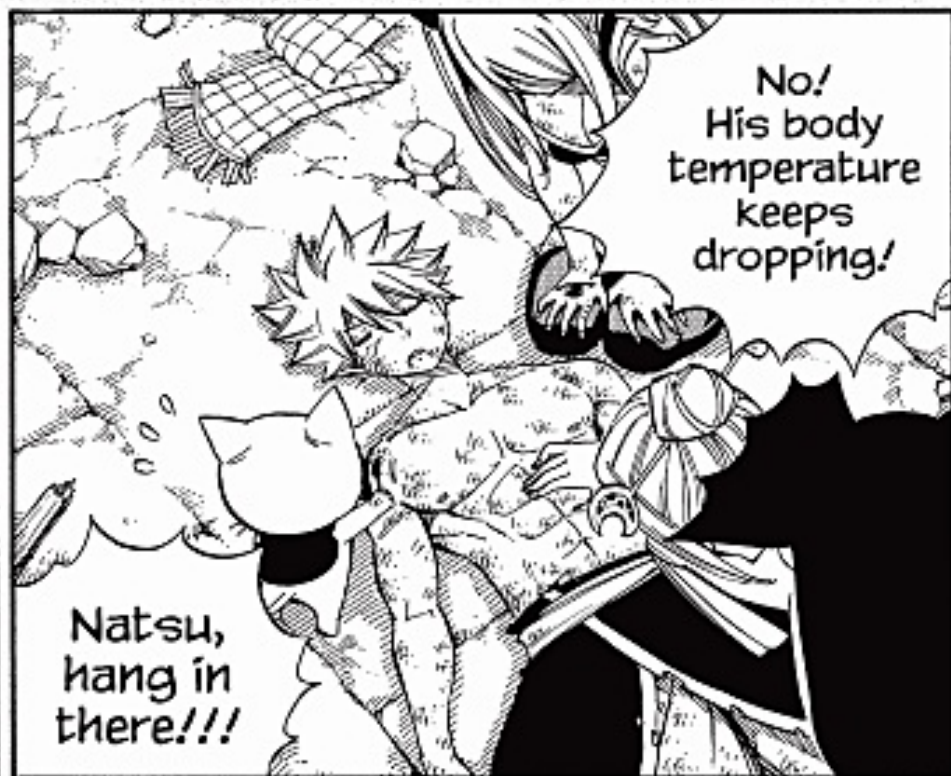
BLUR ㄥ+

The one who
knitted your
scarf was a
woman by
the name of
Anna.

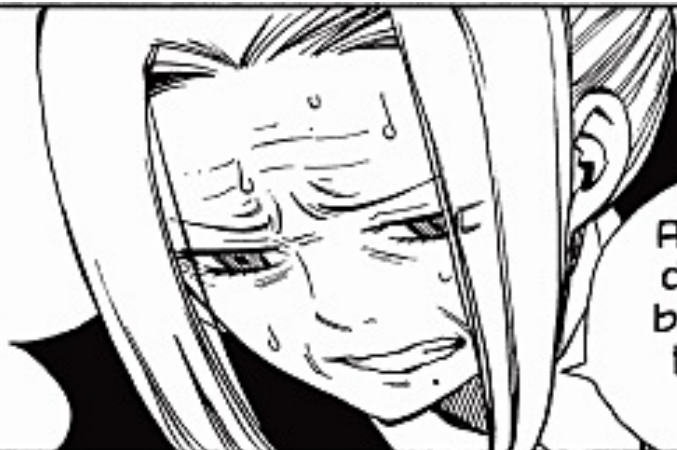
I assume
you've
forgotten
that as
well.

Lucy?!

...



We have to believe in the miracles that human warmth and human emotion can bring...



It's our last hope!

All we can do is use body heat to warm him!!

!

Zeref...

MUMBLE



Okay...



...



Zeref...

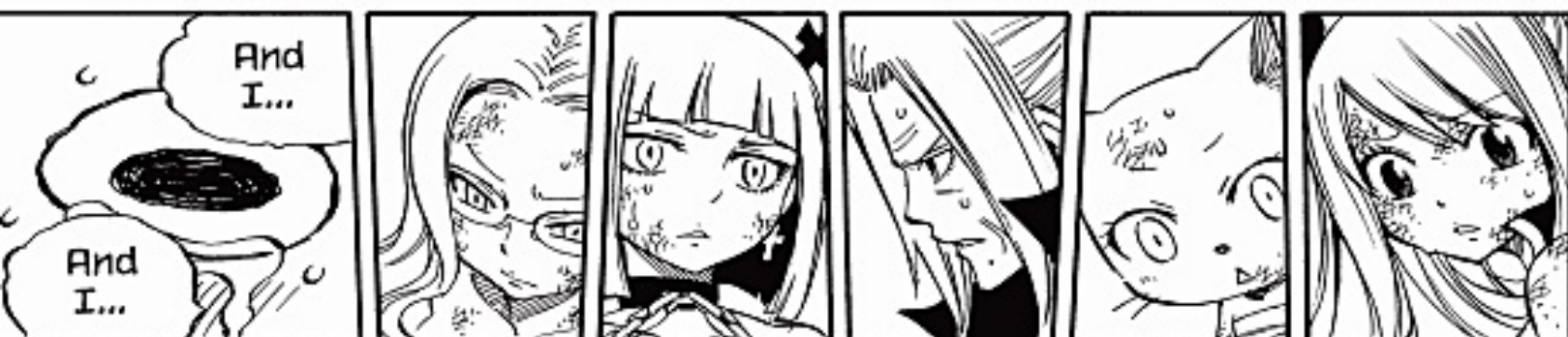
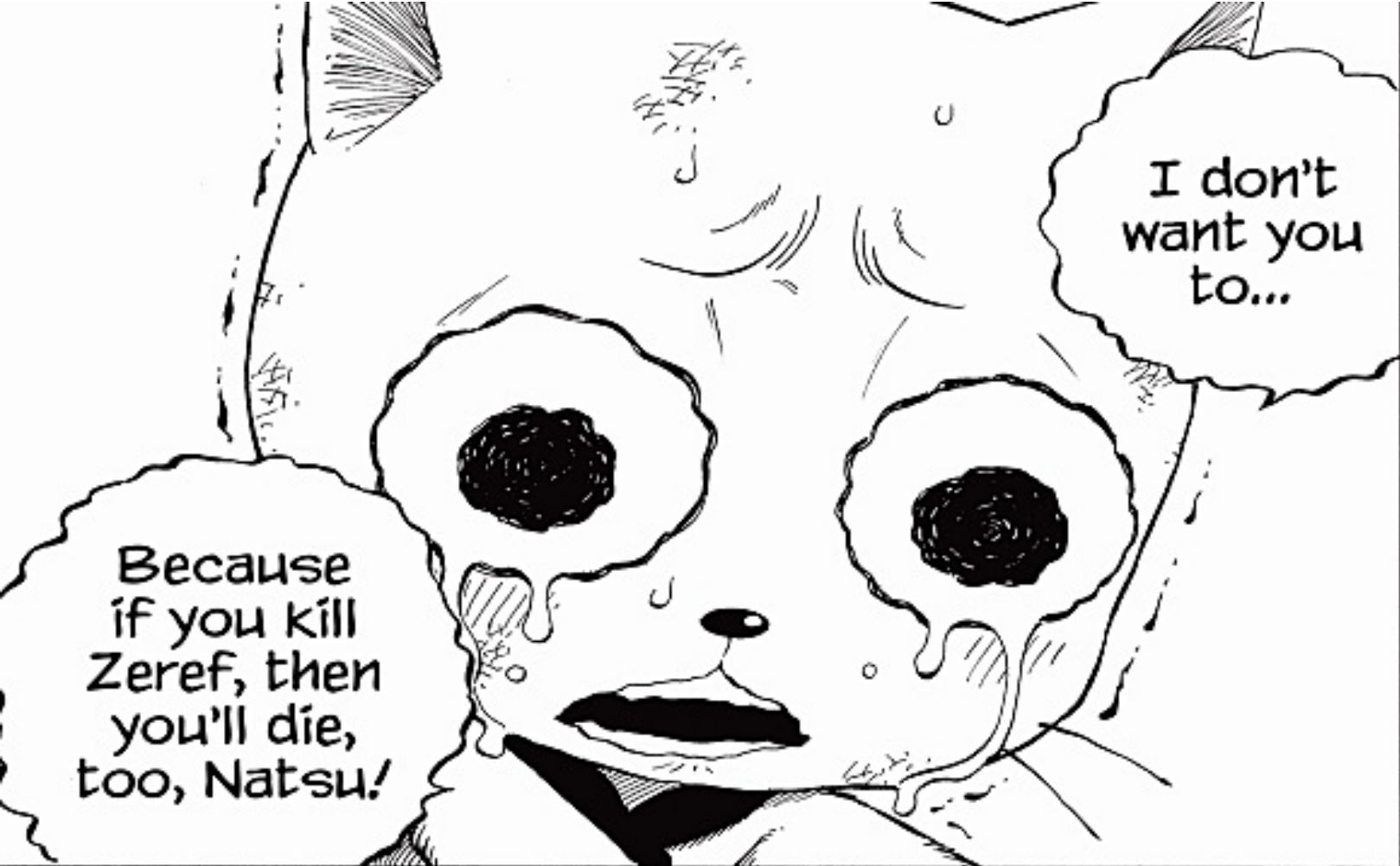
You don't have to, Natsu...

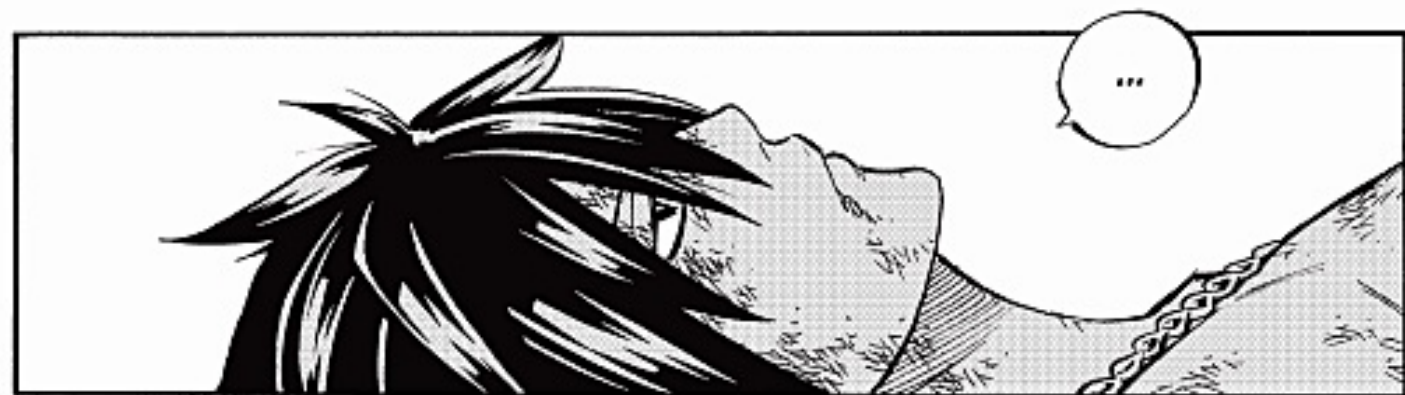
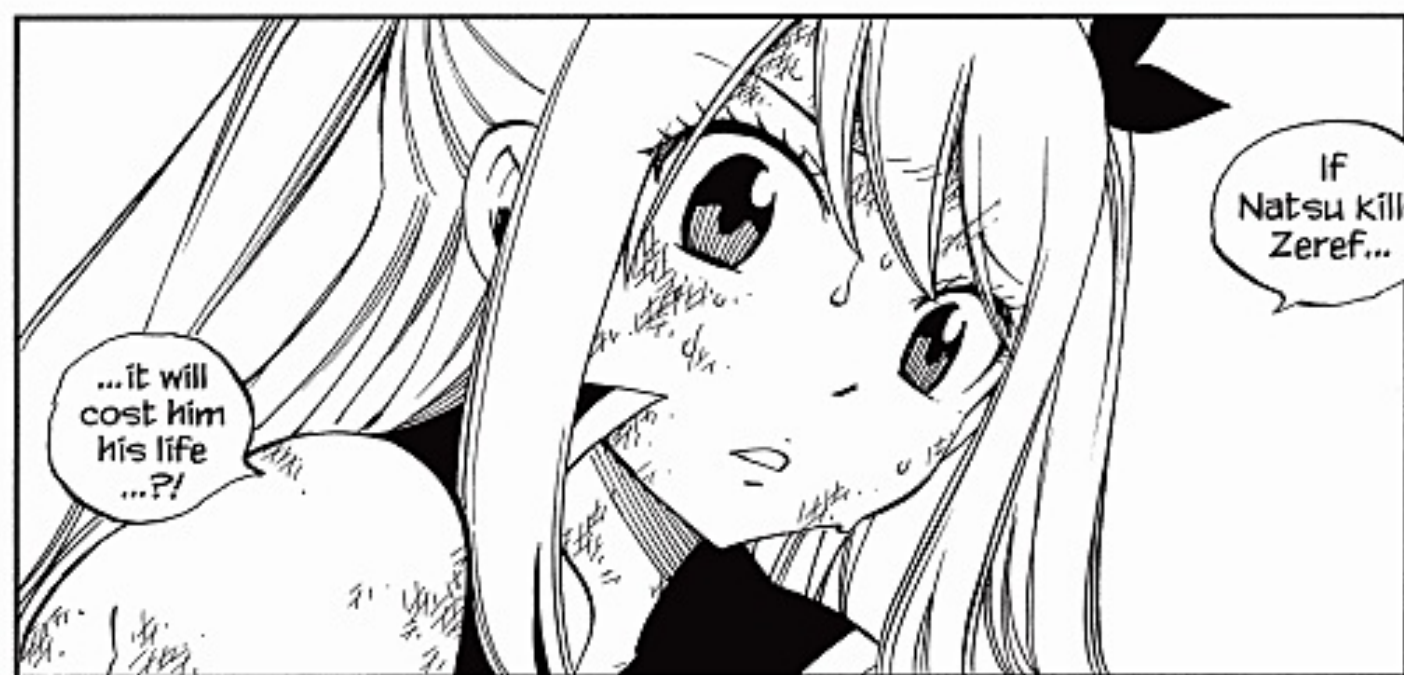


I'm gonna...

...take down...

... Zeref.

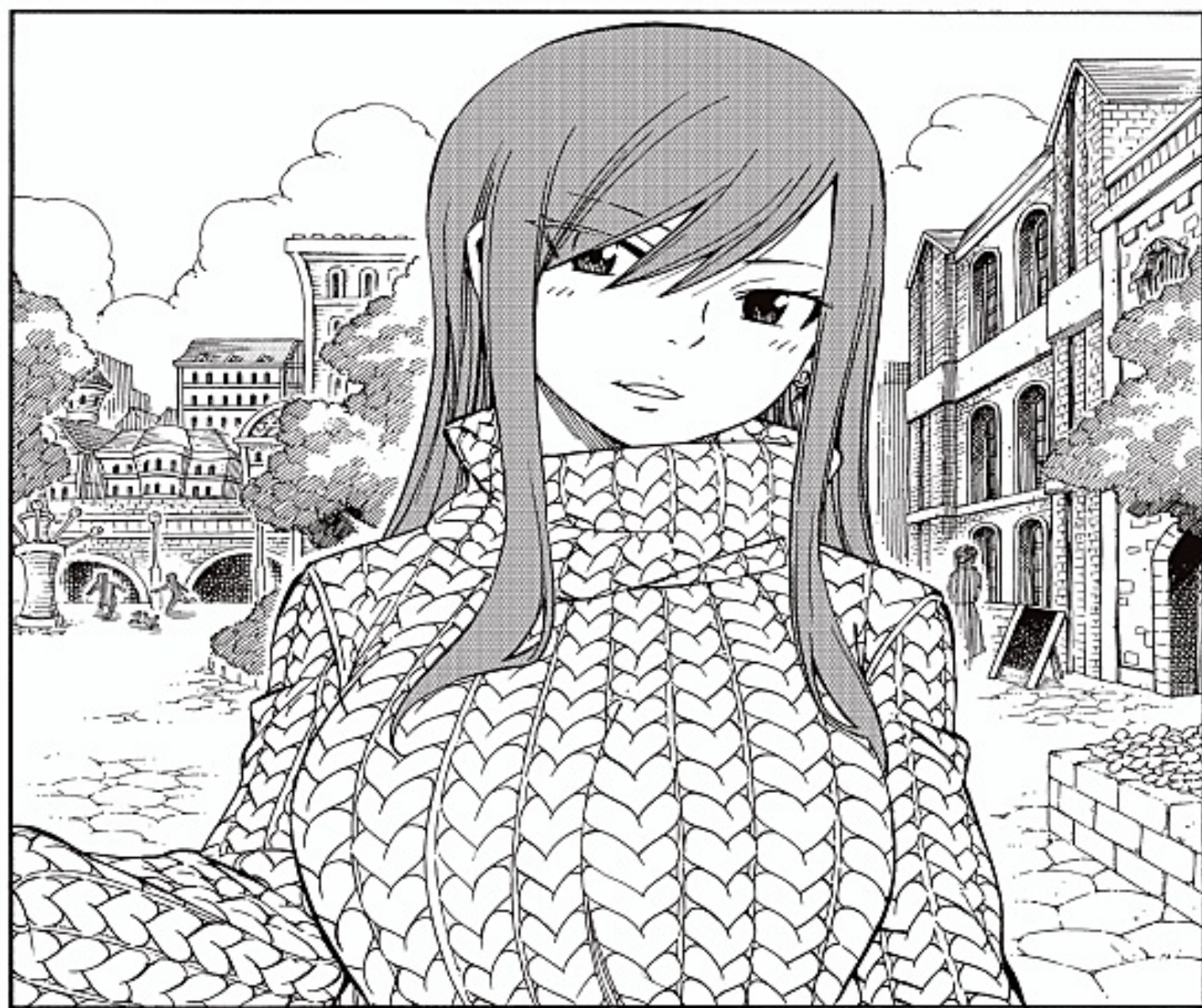


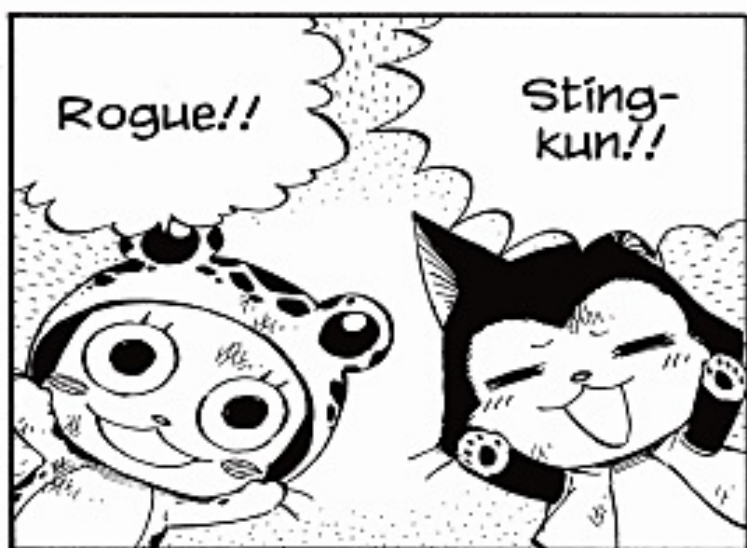


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Chapter 513: Hanamaru







S-Sure...
What
are you
talking
about?

Fro will eat
dinner with
Rogue!

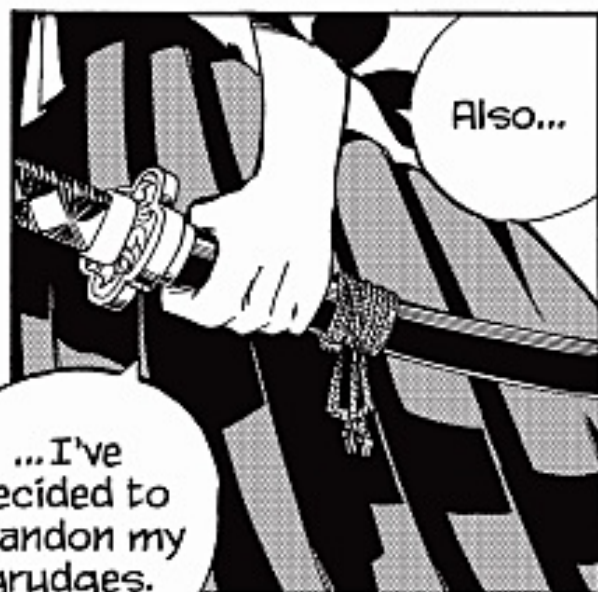
Yes! Even
though we
didn't actually
do anything.

You guys
really gave
it your best,
huh?



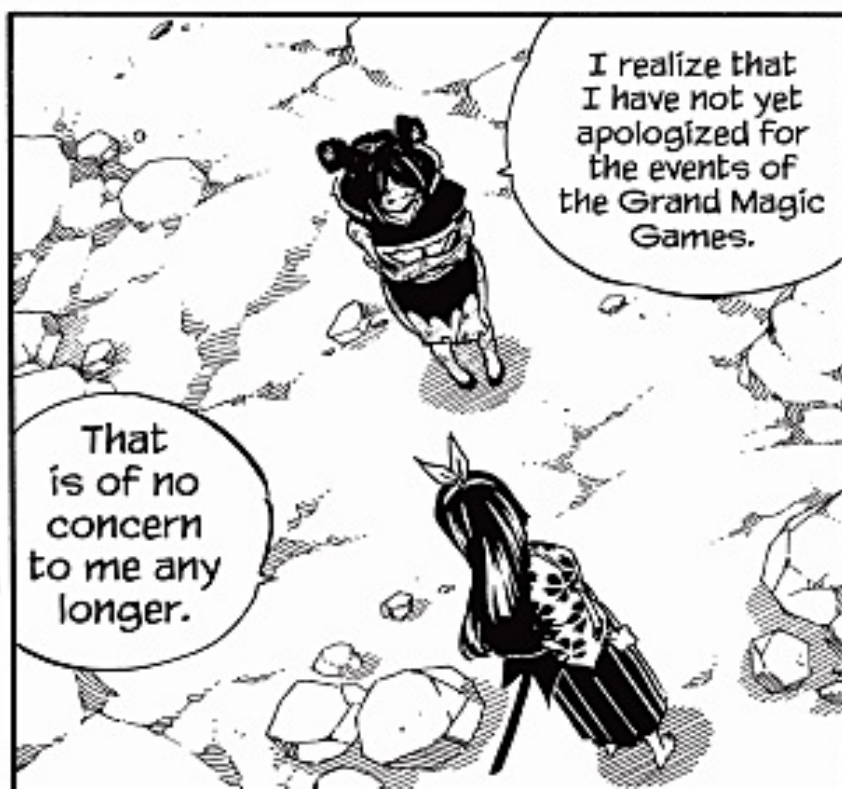
Minerva...

Kagura...
I did not
notice you
there.



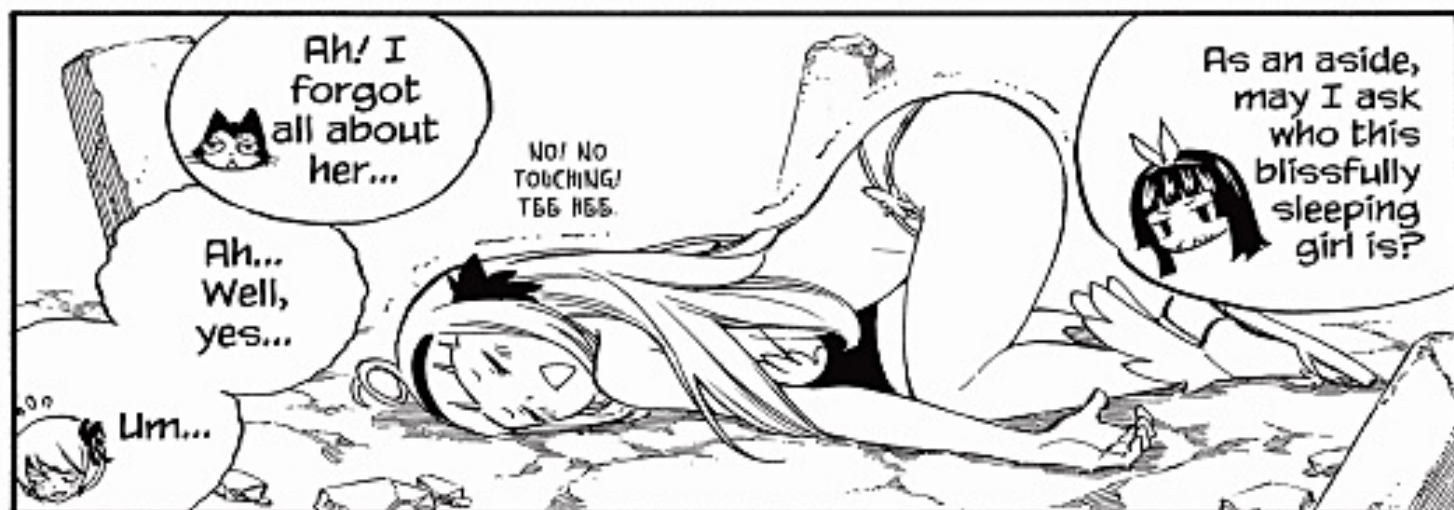
Also...

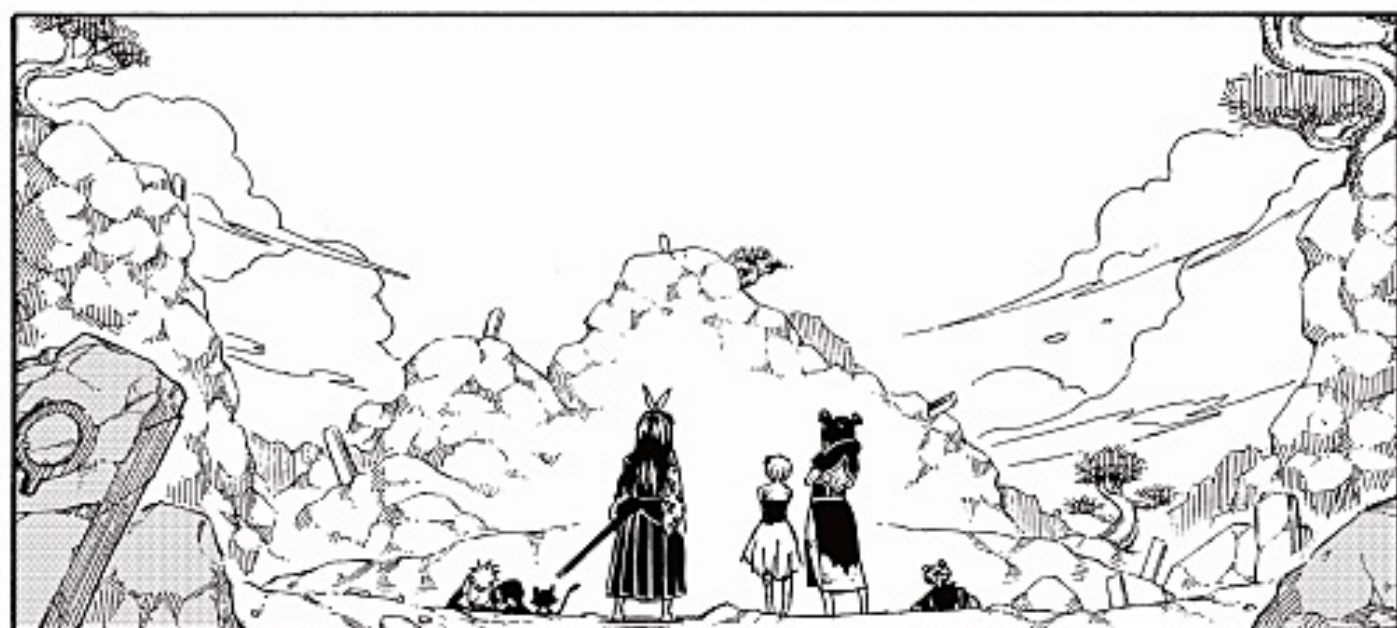
...I've
decided to
abandon my
grudges.



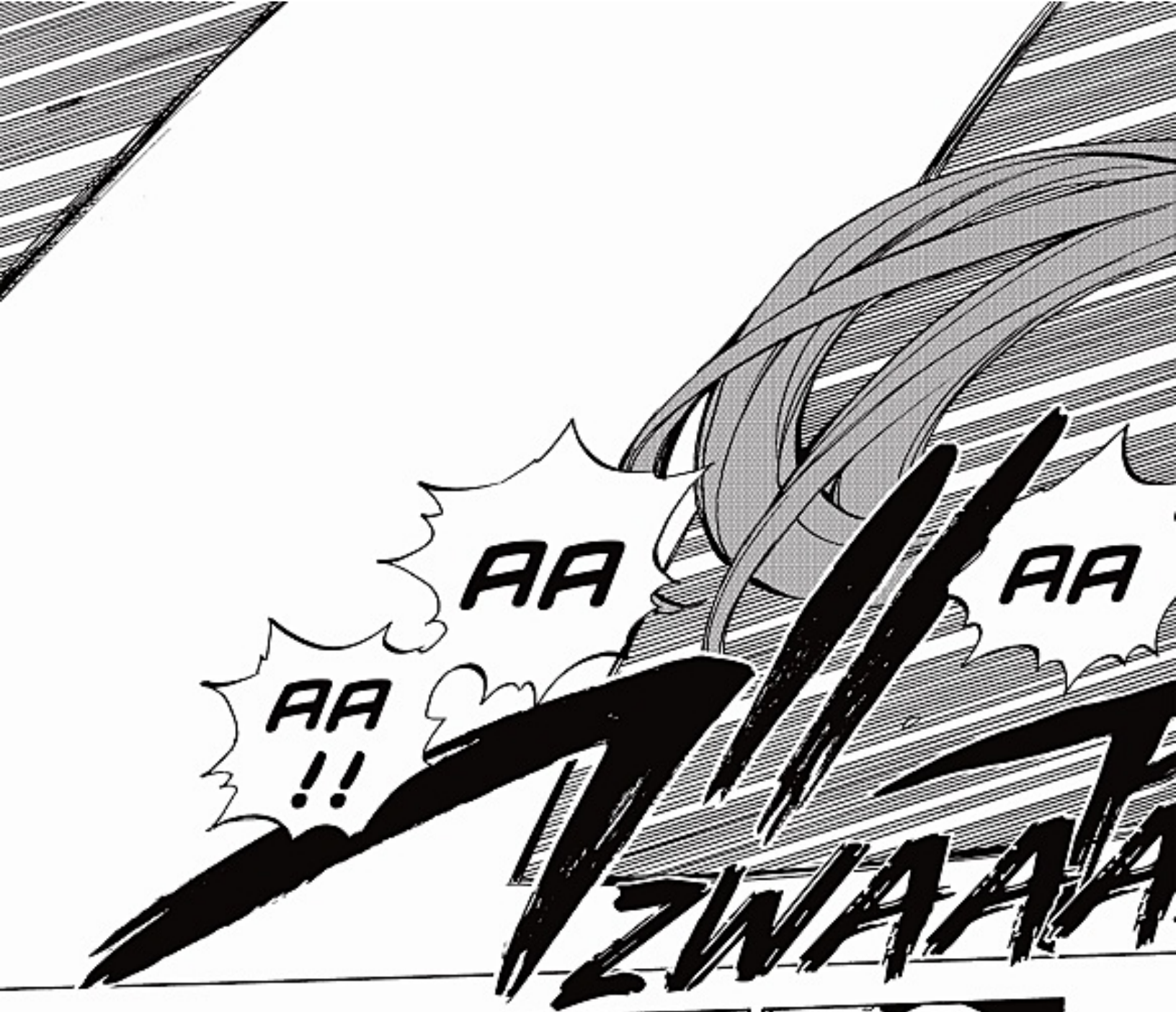
I realize that
I have not yet
apologized for
the events of
the Grand Magic
Games.

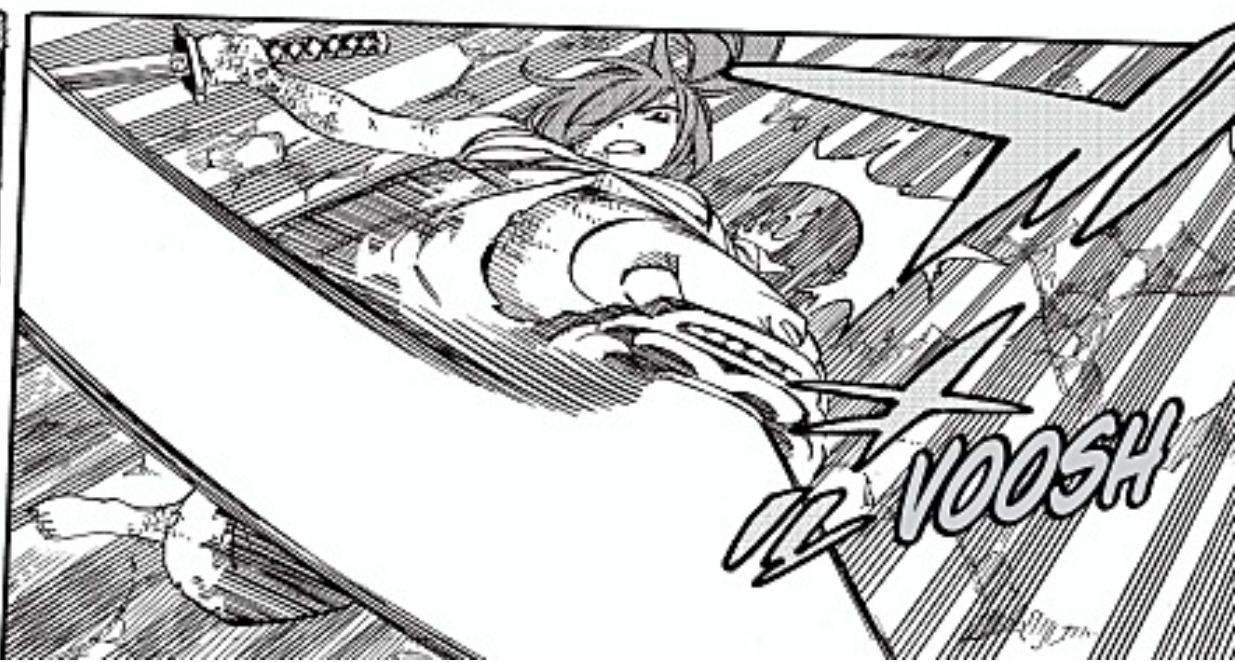
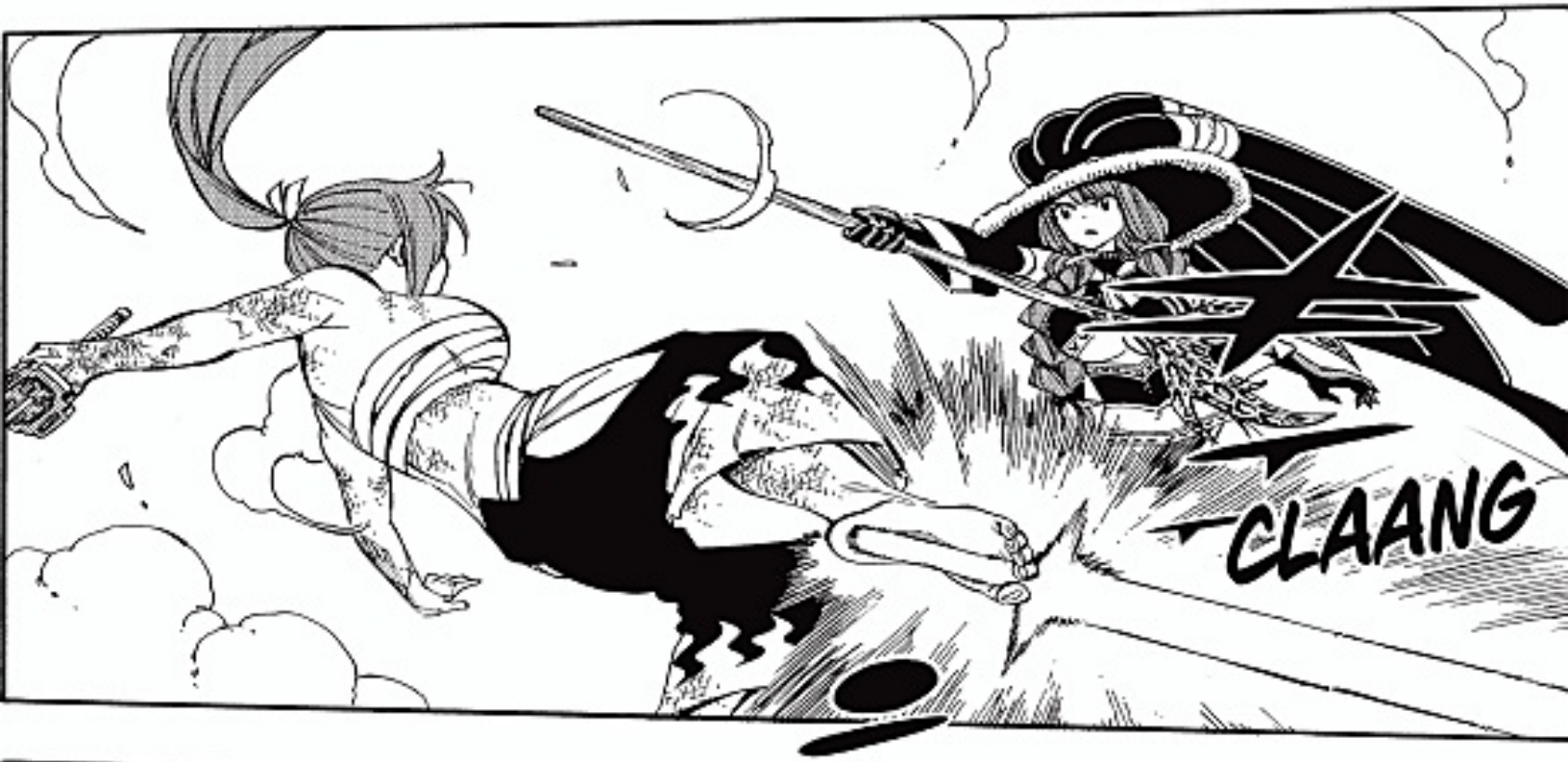
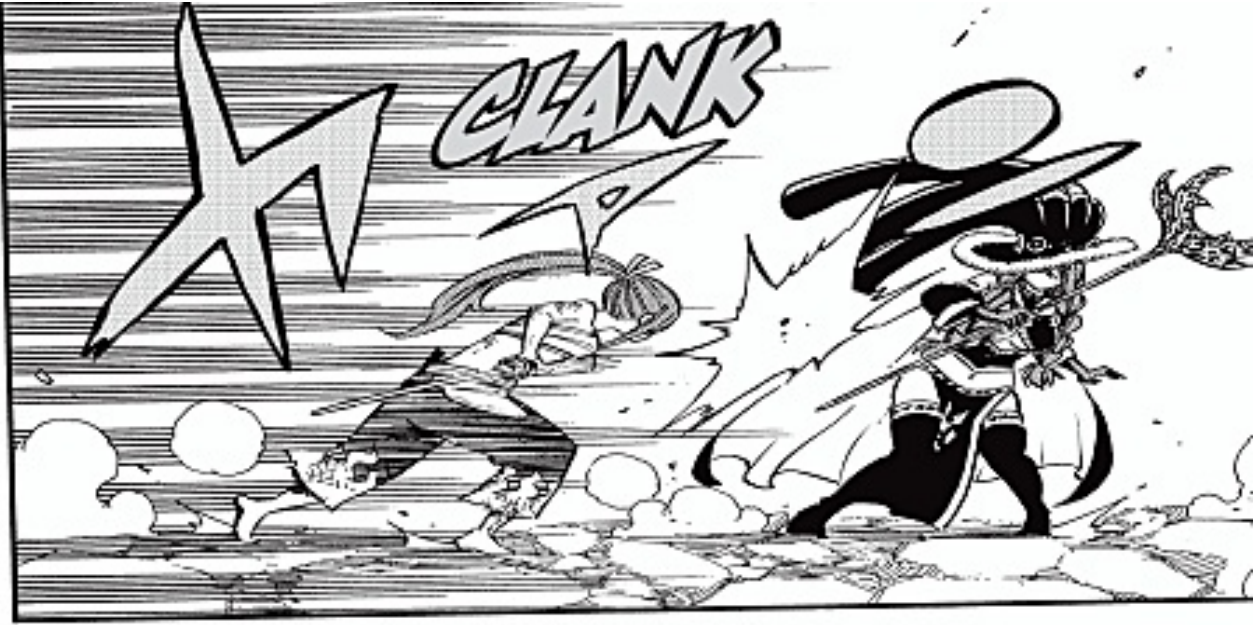
That
is of no
concern
to me any
longer.

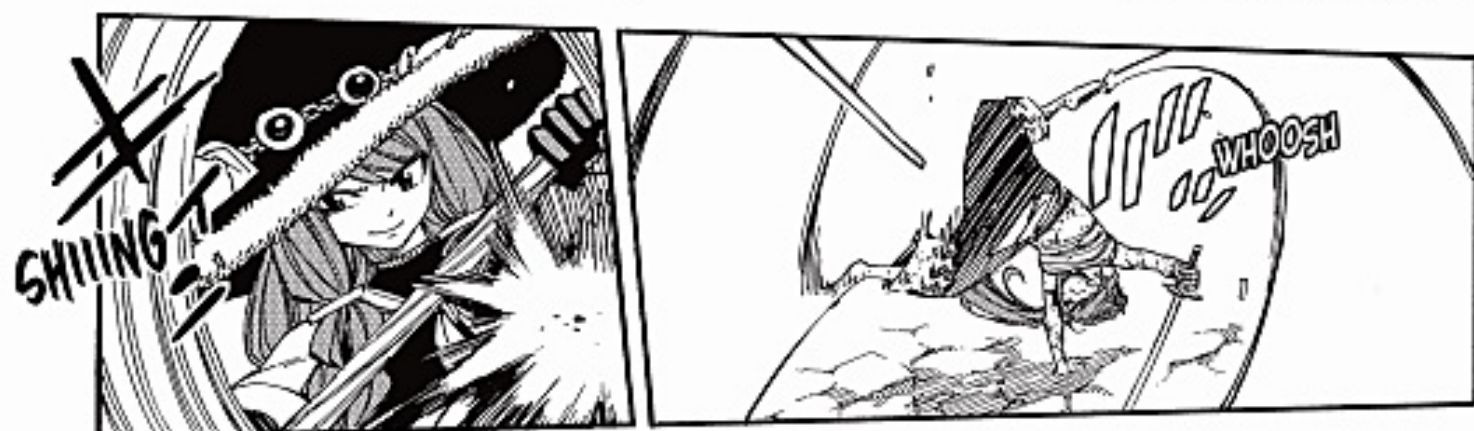


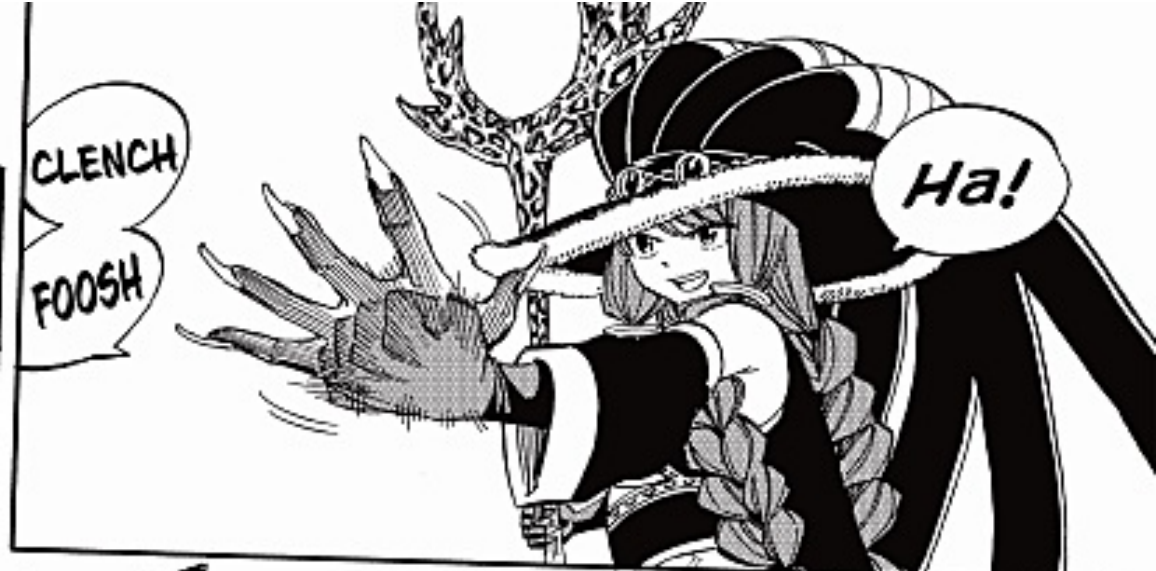








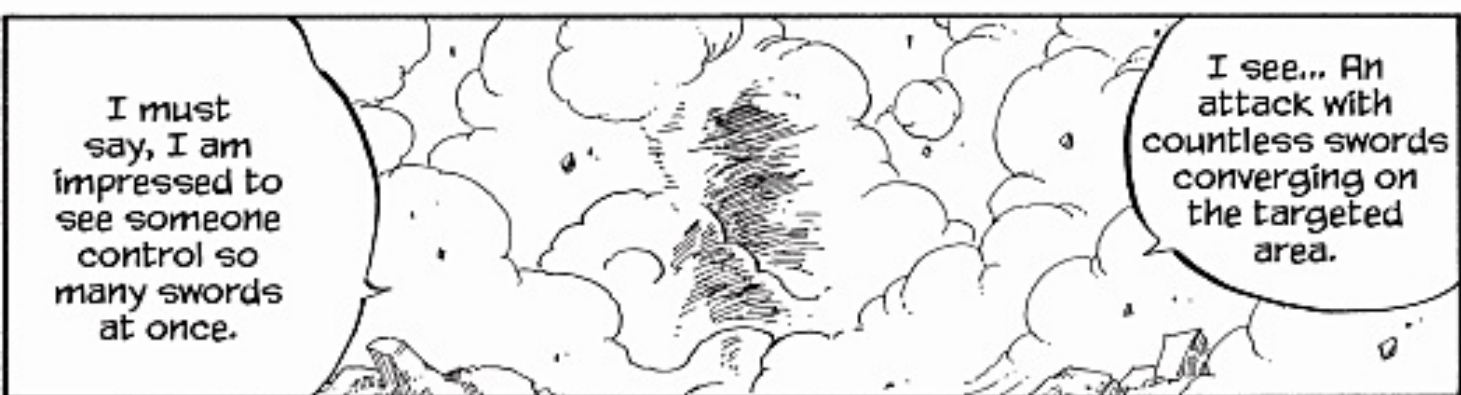
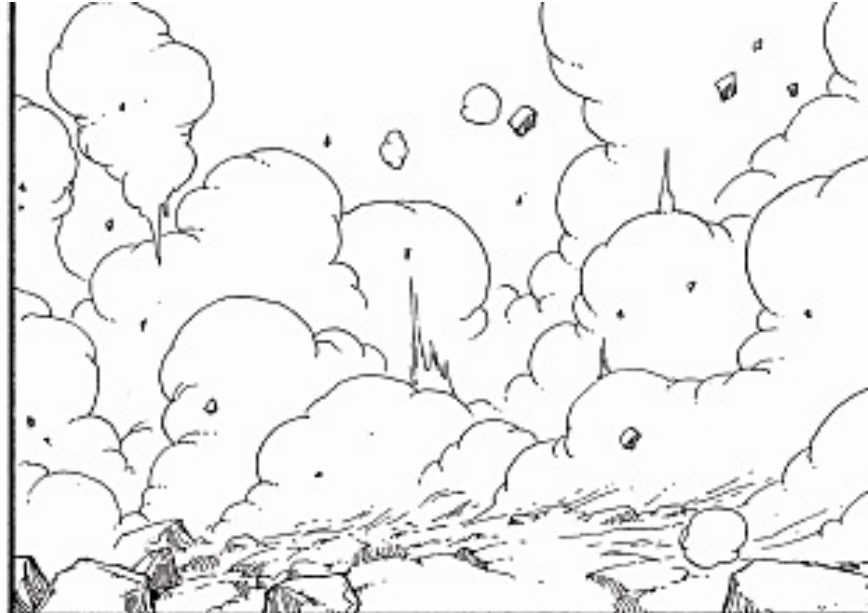






* Heaven's Wheel:
Scattered Petals!



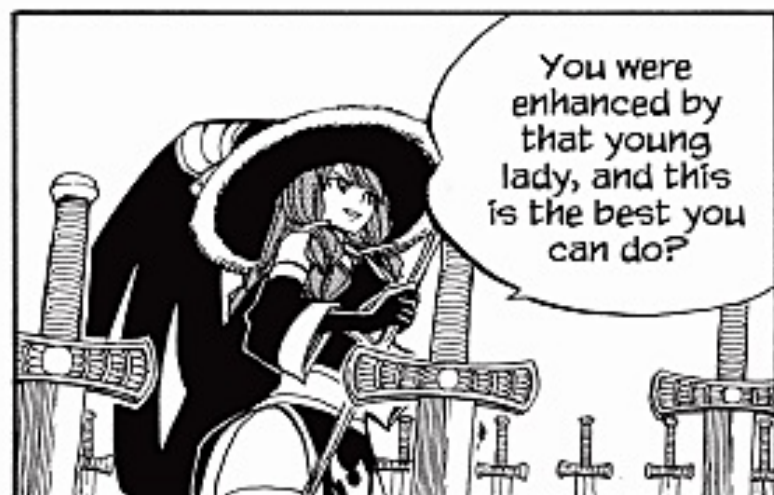


I give you a
hanamaru!*

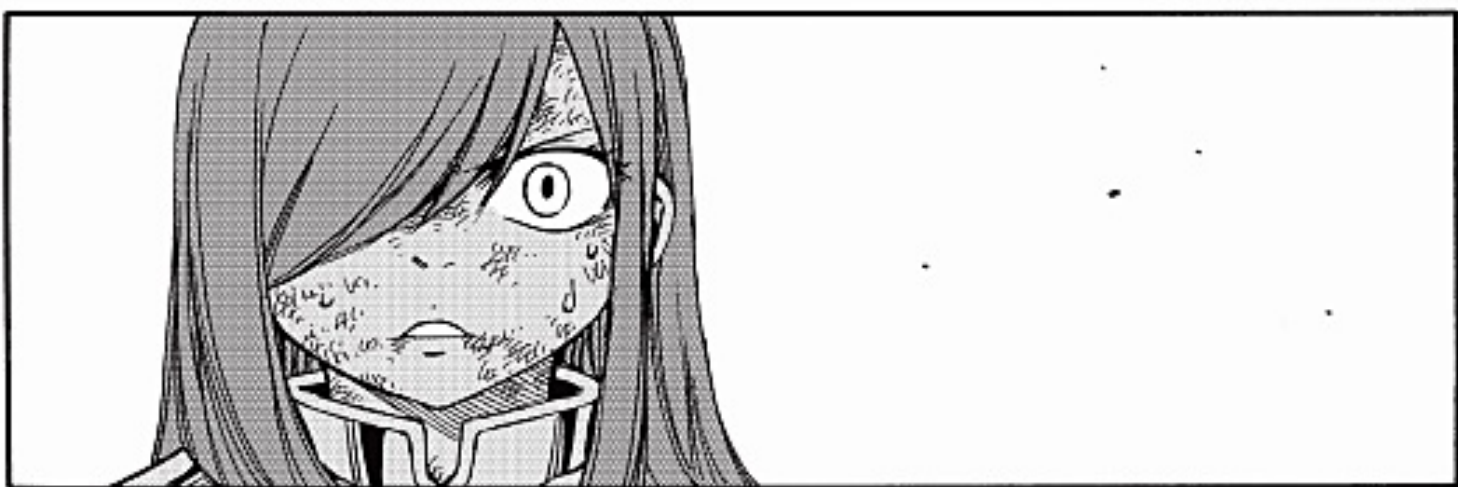
CLAP
IP
+ CLAP
IP
+ CLAP

POOF

*A flower mark awarded for good work.









And yet,
your parent
stands
before you
now.



I was
alone in the
town of
Rosemary!

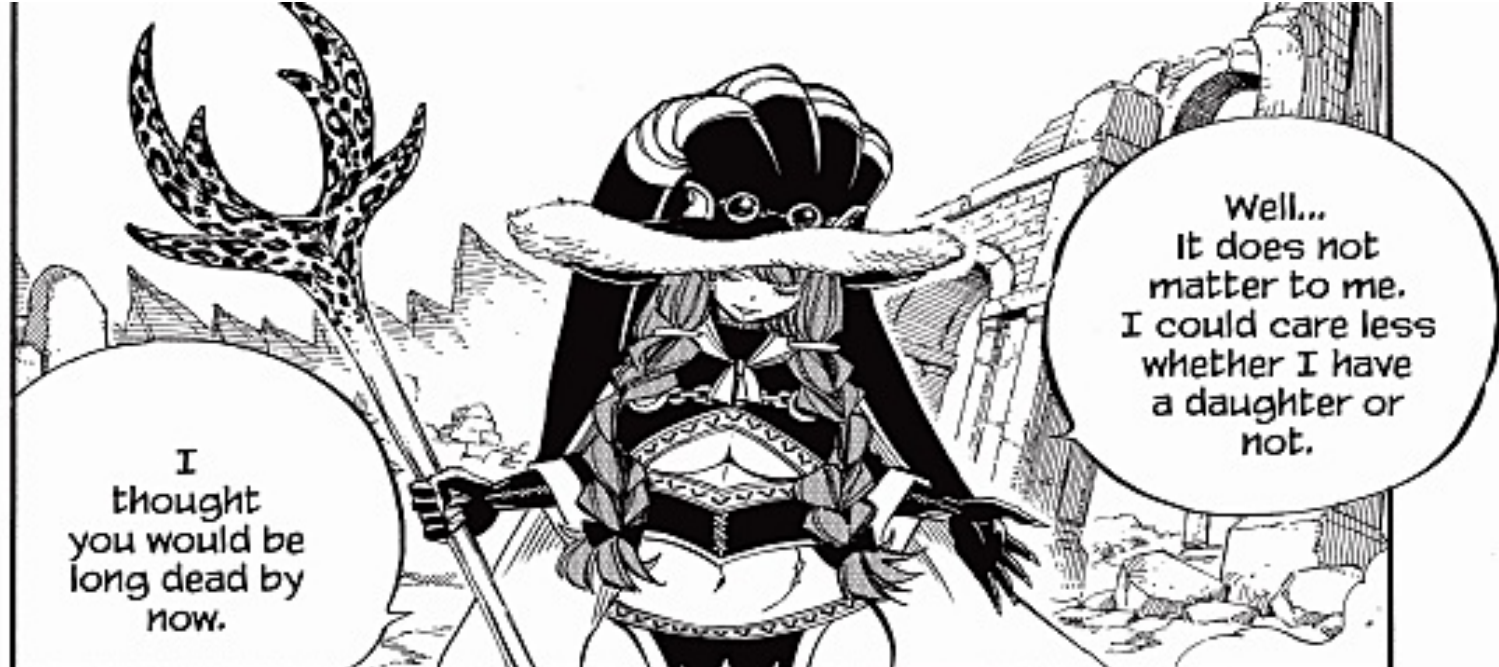
I always
thought
I was an
orphan!



There
is only one
person I will
ever call my
parent...

...and
that is my
lifelong
master!

BOOM!





Shall I entertain you with some stories from the past?

Still, fate has brought us together.

Save your breath.

Secret?

And yet...it would be unfortunate to die without knowing the secret of your own birth, you know.

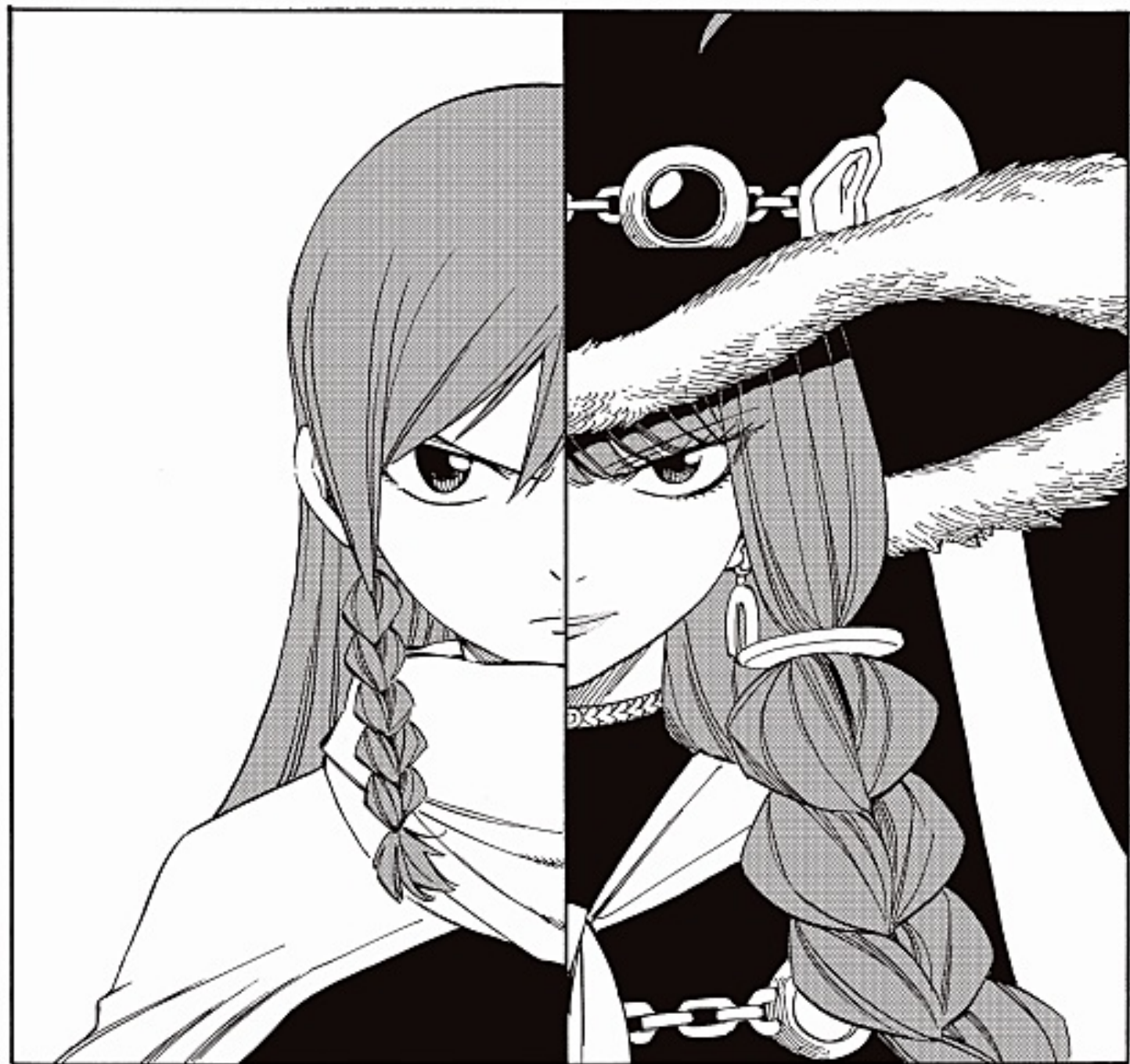




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Chapter 514: Dragon Seed





I see
you are back
from your
investigation.

**Belserion-
sama the
Wise!!**

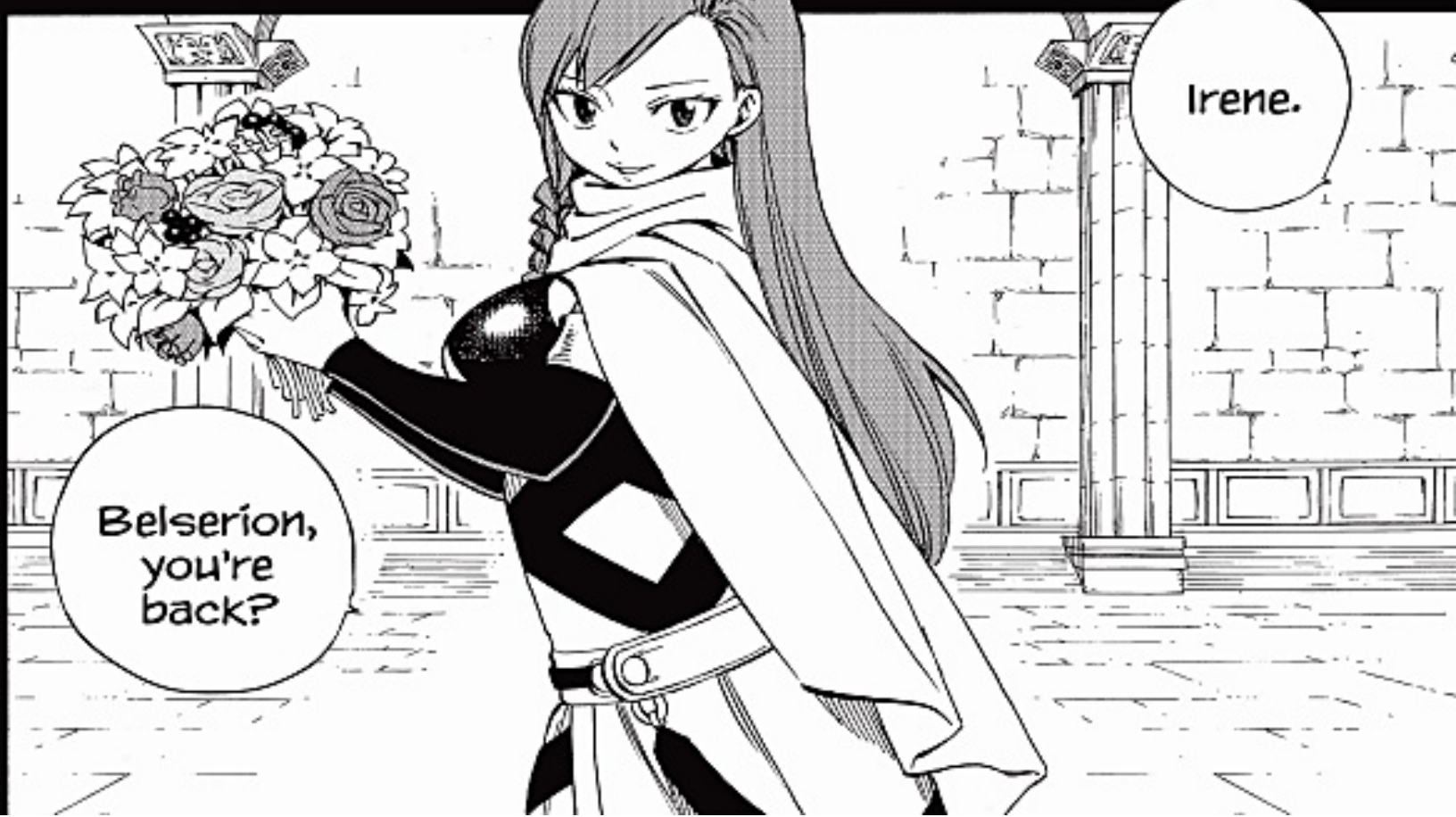
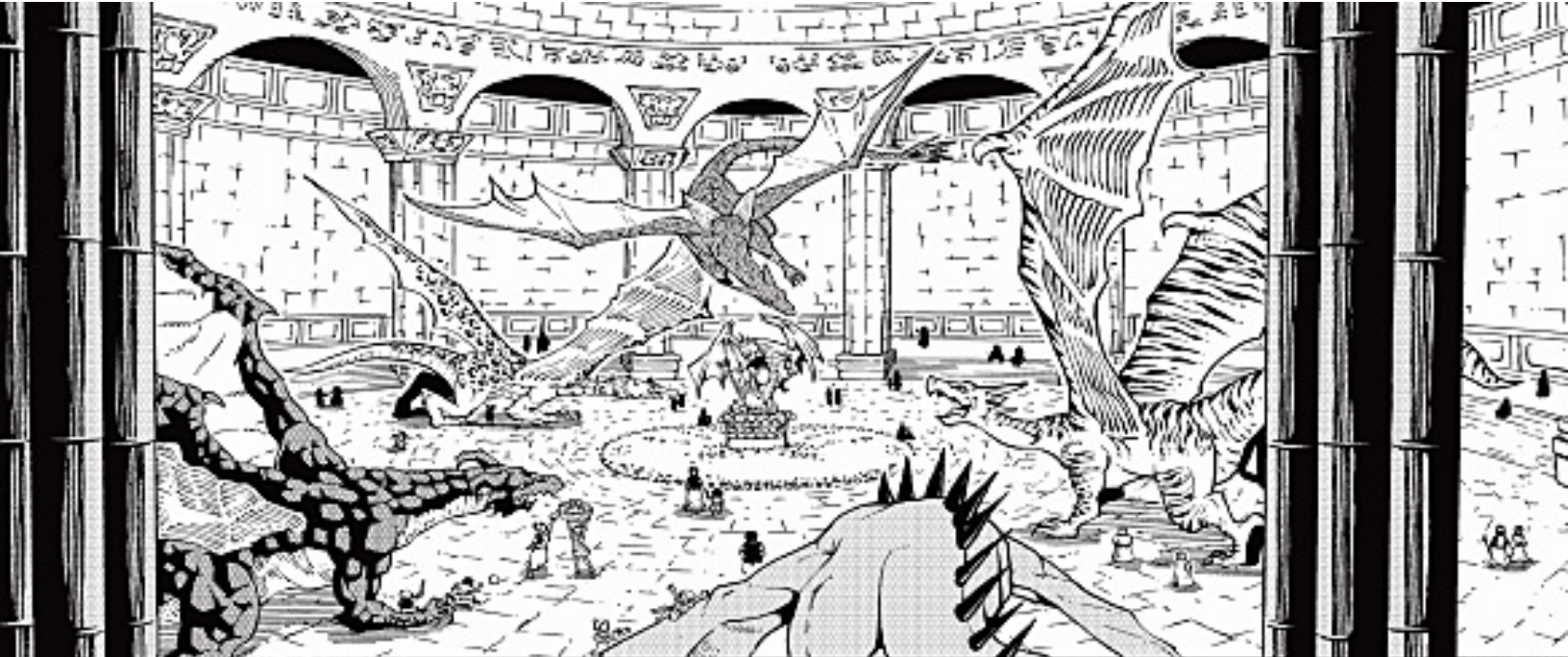


Is
Irene
here?

Yes,
the queen
is within
the inner
garden.



Hm... It seems
that things in
the west are
worse than I
imagined.



Belserion,
you're
back?

Irene.



...

You are
looking a
bit pale.



I
am afraid
nothing will
stop them
now.

The
western
dragons
are eating
humans.

And they
are bound
to come here
to Ishgal
eventually.



We
have come
this far in
cooperation
with the
humans.

The dragons'
wisdom and
strength have
been invaluable
to us as well.

Humans
and dragons
can coexist
peacefully...



We
must not allow
the concept to
even spread to
Ishgal.



Dragons
eating
humans...

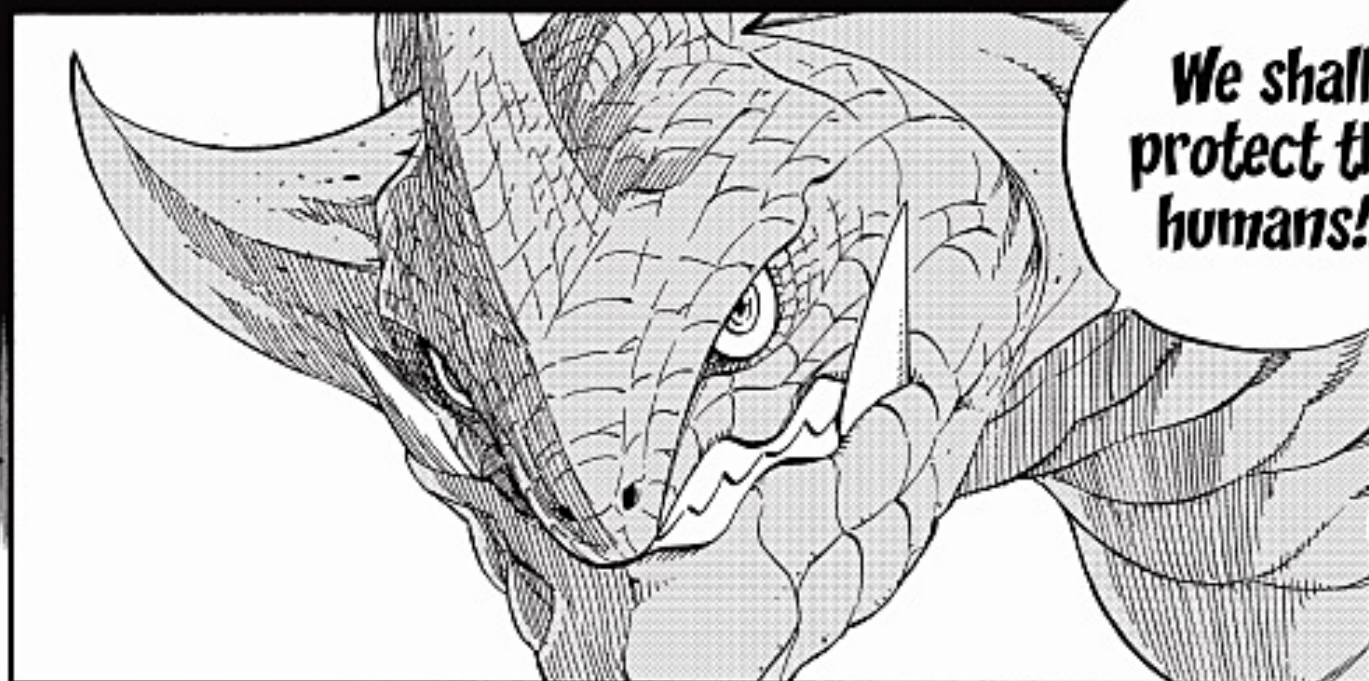


That shall
never
happen!

...it
would ruin
the bond
we have
built.

But if the views
of the western
dragons were
to take root
here...

GRIMP

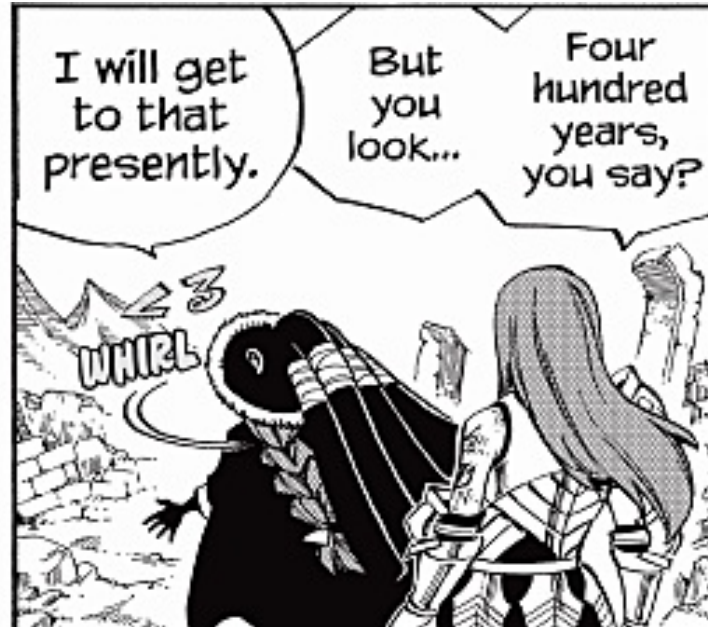


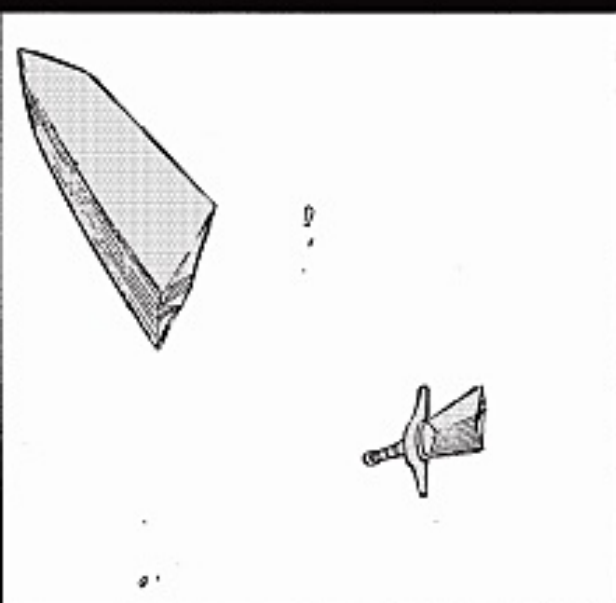
**We shall
protect the
humans!!**

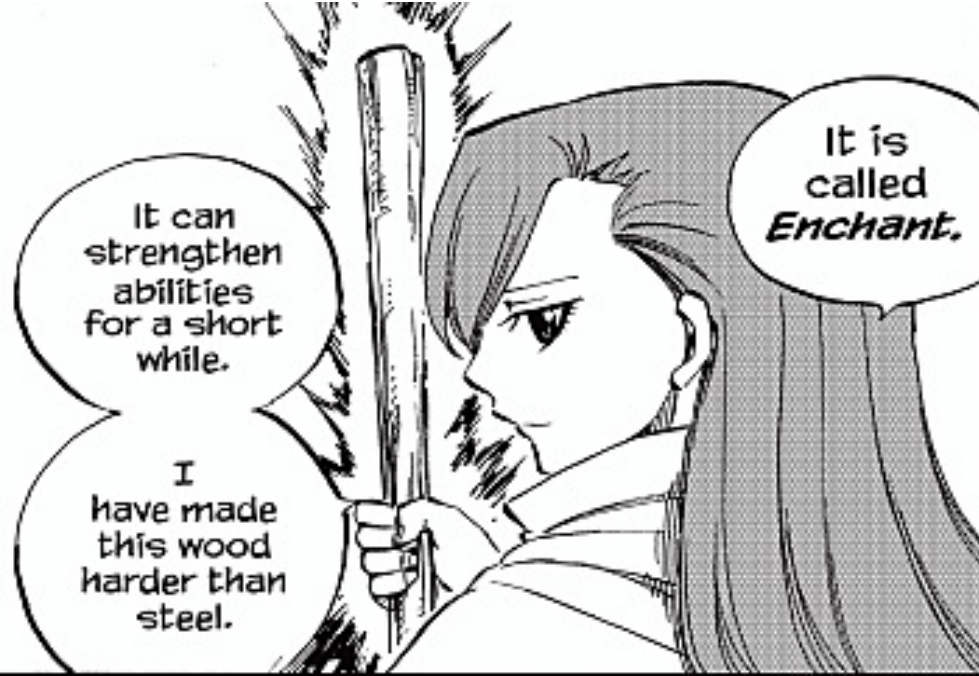


Yes... It was
a war that
stemmed from
the kindness
of dragons.

That...was the
beginning of the
war that would
later be called
the Dragon King
Festival.







It can strengthen abilities for a short while.

I have made this wood harder than steel.

It is called *Enchant*.



You broke a steel sword with a wooden stick!!!

Yesss !!

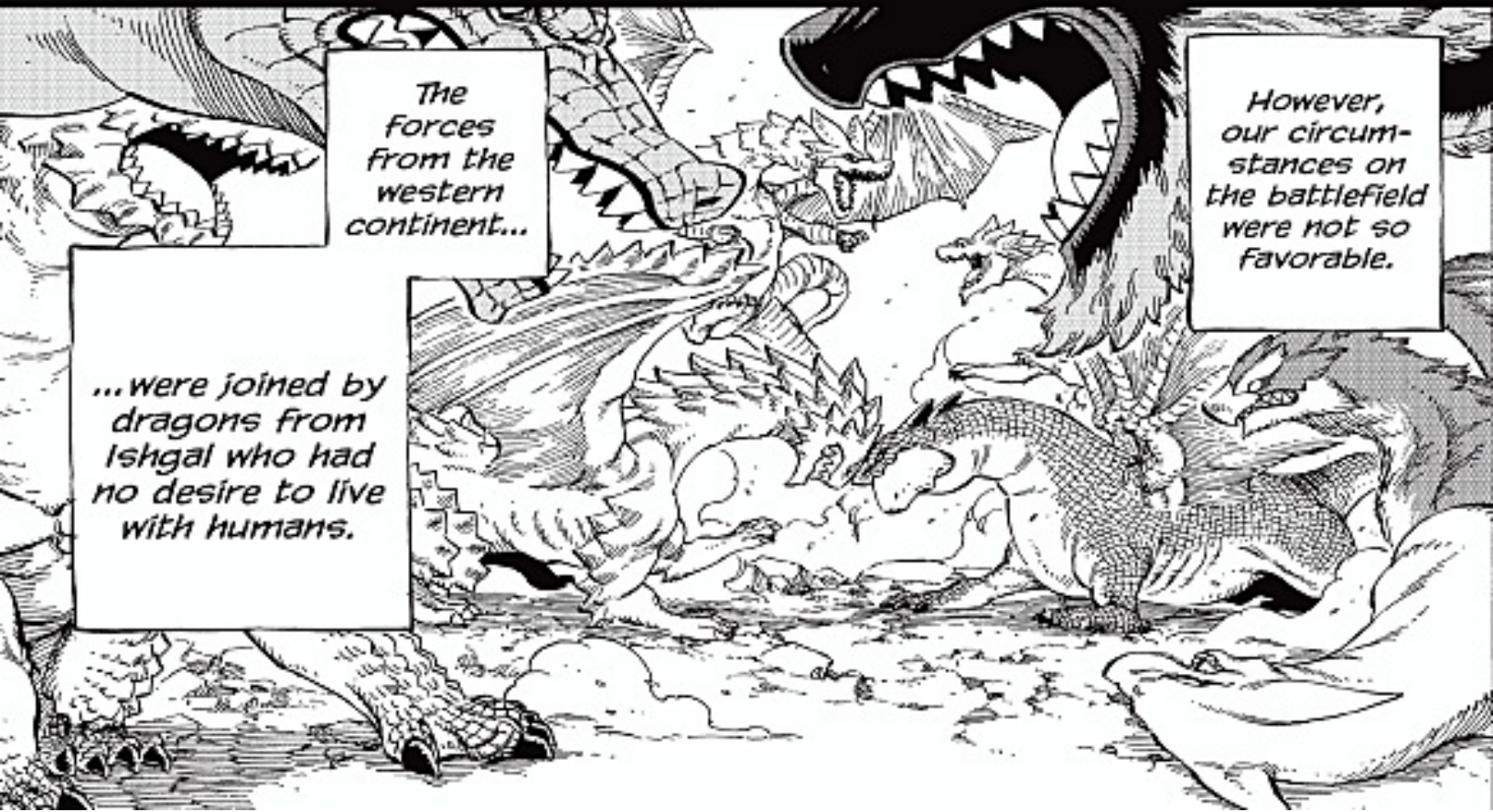
Your Majesty, what was that?!



...

You can use it to make the dragons stronger, right?

That's incredible !!



The forces from the western continent...

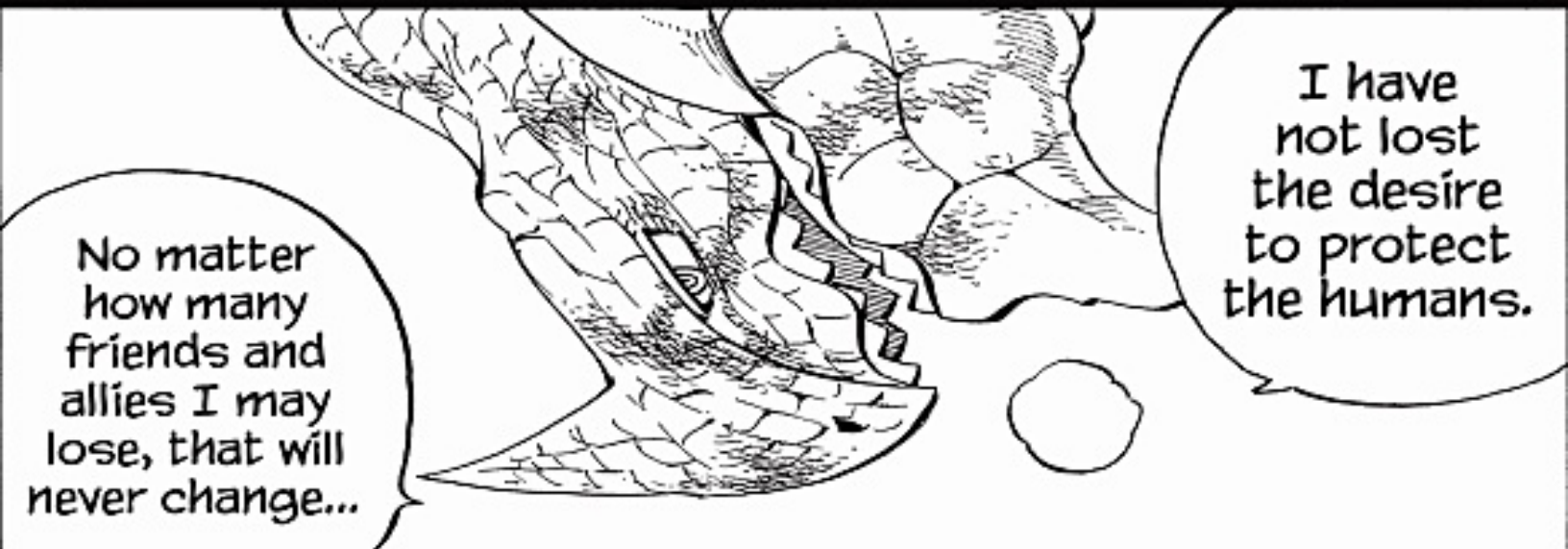
...were joined by dragons from Ishgal who had no desire to live with humans.

However, our circumstances on the battlefield were not so favorable.



I see...

We
will be
defeated
...



No matter
how many
friends and
allies I may
lose, that will
never change...

I have
not lost
the desire
to protect
the humans.



I think you
repaid that
debt long
ago.

Why do
you still feel
compelled to
serve me, and
to battle for the
humans?



I believe
I have told
you...that your
predecessor
once saved
my life.



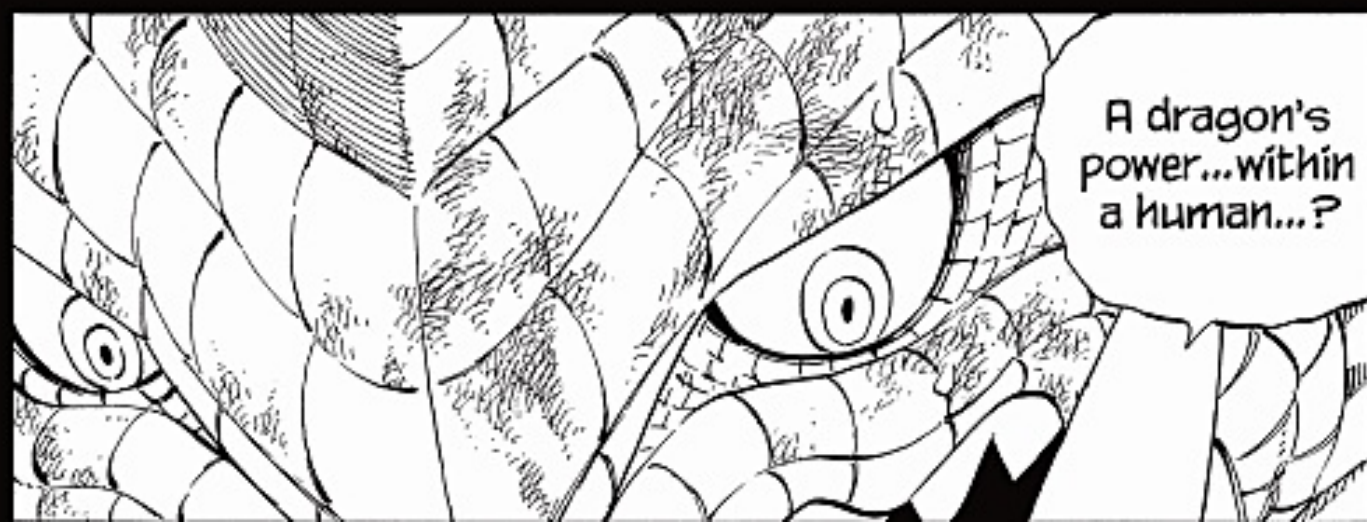
Why would you
risk everything
for us...?





I'm
hoping
that
you...

...can
Enchant me
with your
dragon
power.



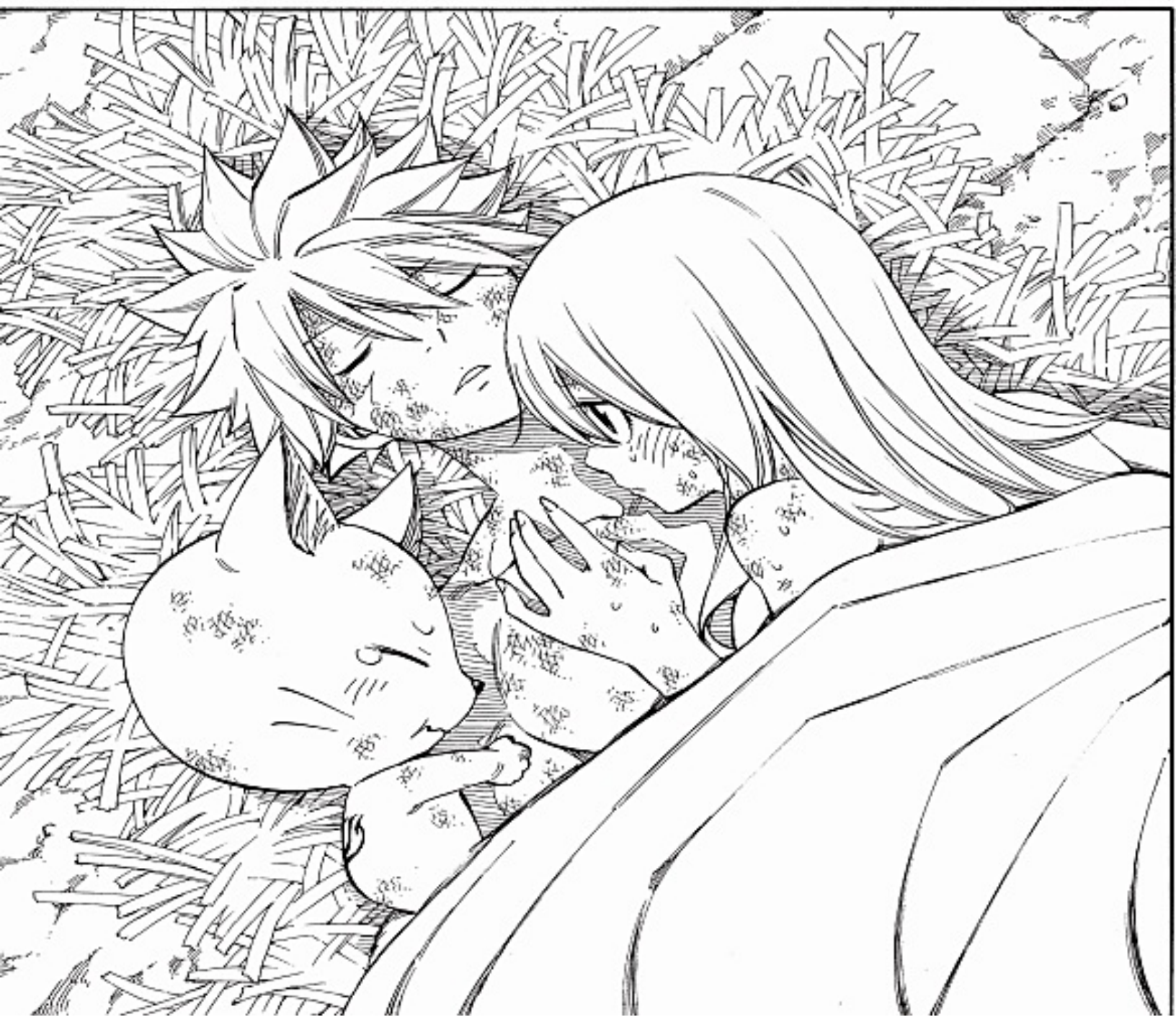
A dragon's
power...within
a human...?



*I need
the power
to fight evil
dragons...*

*...to
become
a dragon
slayer!*







Wake
up...



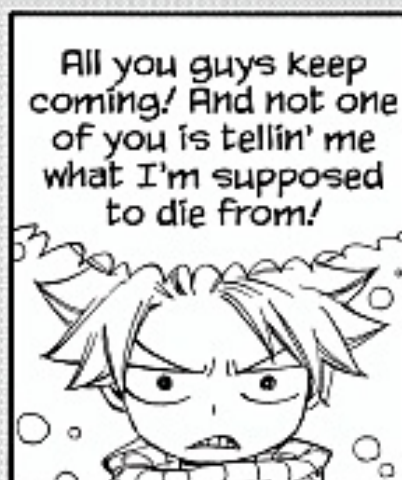
Natsu...



Wendy?!
When did
you get
here?!

The one
who created
dragon slayer
magic was a
woman named
Irene-san.

Anna-
san told
us that.



All you guys keep
coming! And not one
of you is tellin' me
what I'm supposed
to die from!



We're still in
your heart.
Get used to
it already.

And
we're almost
there, Natsu-
san!

How should
I know?! I'm
just your guide
down your own
memory lane.



And
many
dragon
slayers
were born.

That finally
gave us an
advantage on
the battlefield.

Let us simply
say that the plan
to grant humans
the power to
defeat dragons
was a success.

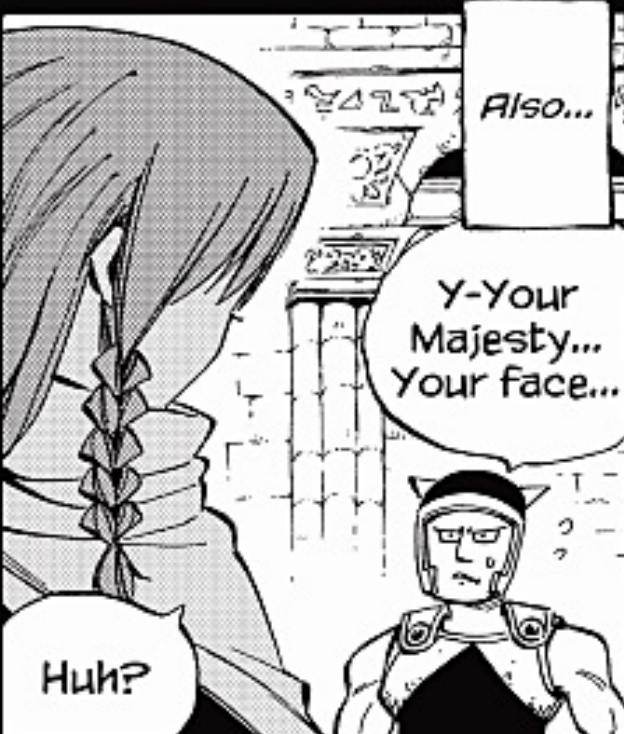
*However,
the power was
too great. It
ate away at
the human
body from
the inside.*



Also...

*Y-Your
Majesty...
Your face...*

Huh?



*...the dragons'
vision was not
compatible with
their sensory
systems, and
caused incapac-
itating illness.*

*Some could
not control
their power,
and ran wild.
And for
others...*



*A
Dragon
Seed.*



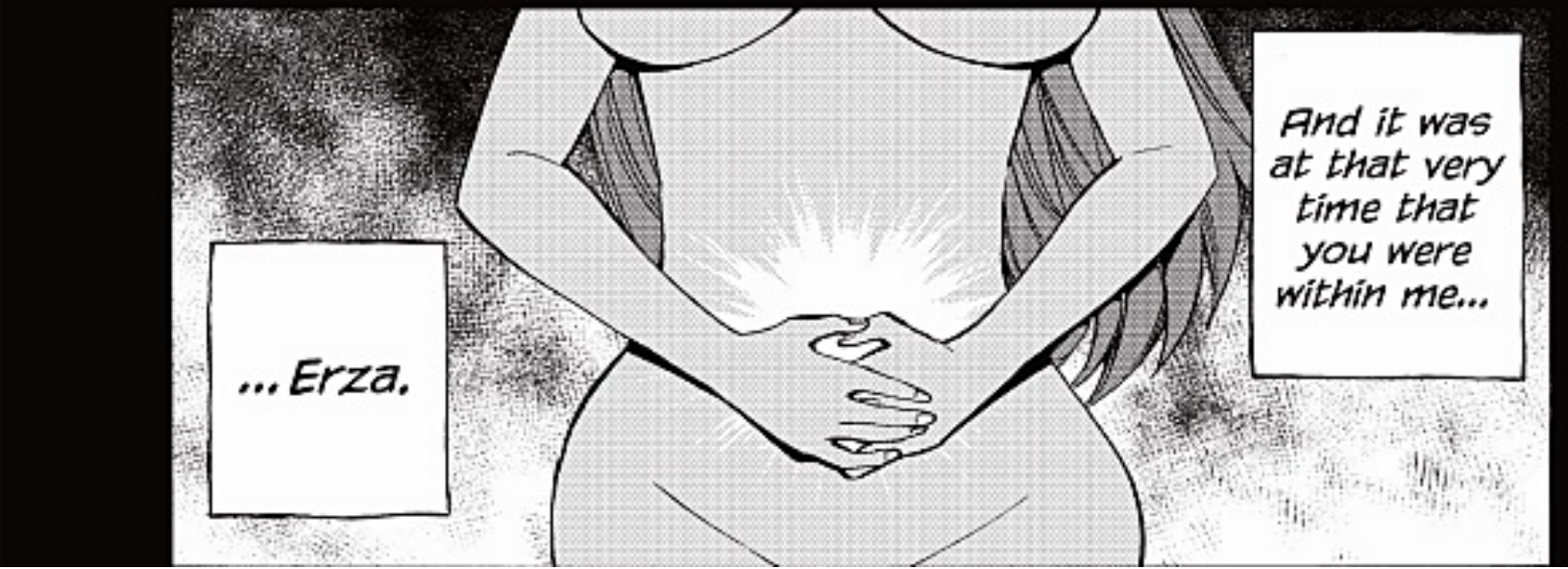
*Something
grew within
the human
body.*



It
turned
that
person
into a
dragon.

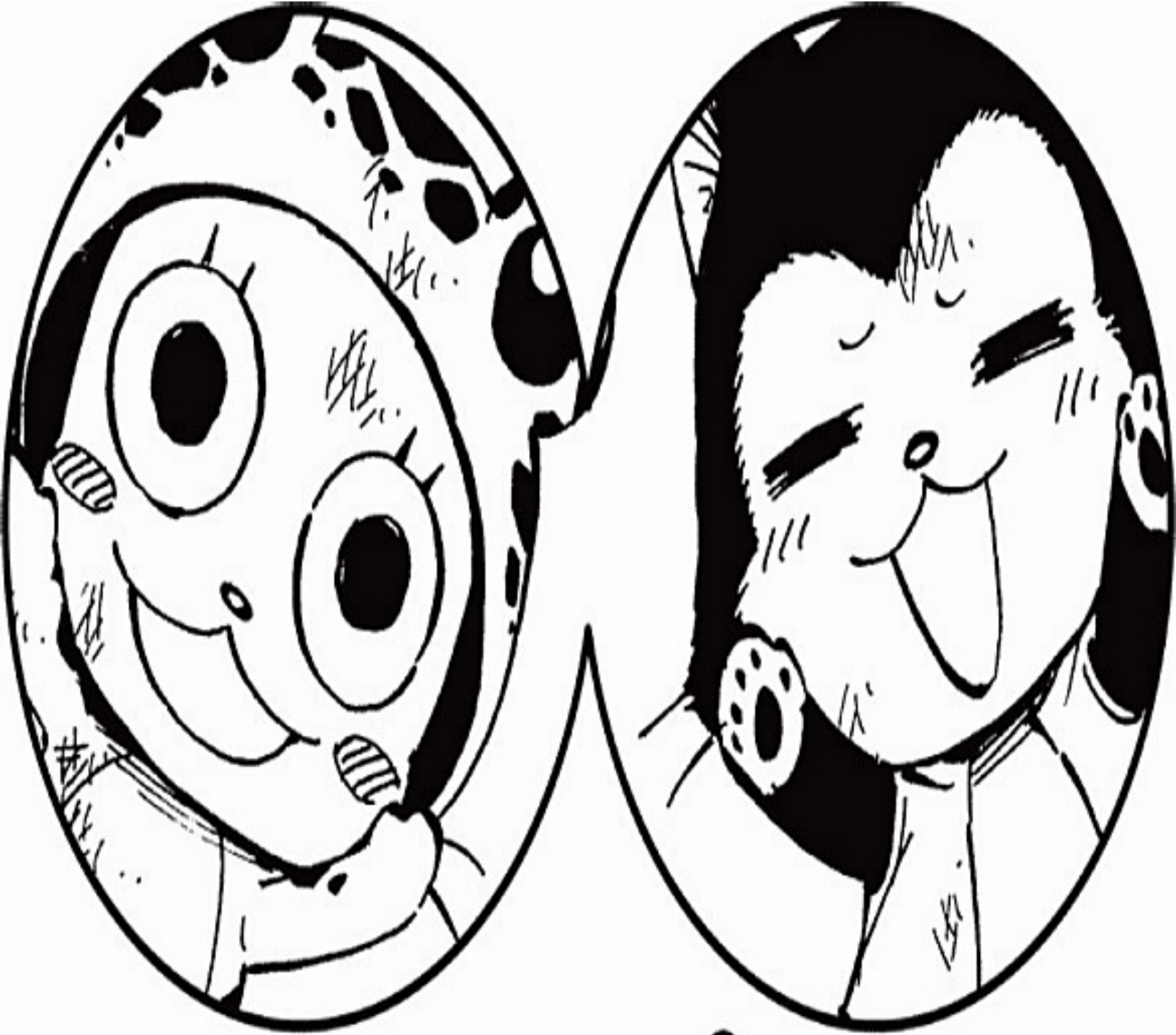
The
ultimate
fate of
the dragon
slayers.

CRACKLE
CRACKLE



... Erza.

And it was
at that very
time that
you were
within me...



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Chapter 515: I Am You...You Are Me



Erza...

Your father was a general from a neighboring country's army.

Ours was a political marriage made at a time when humans warred with each other over territory.

There was no winning or losing when Acnologia entered the fray—the war simply ended.

He and I fought together on many battlefields. And he was by my side when I bid a final farewell to Belserion.

...Acnologia departed the battlefield as the sole victor.

With nothing but contempt for the countless dead bodies he left in his wake...



Or I'll
cut you
down!!



One
week
after
that final
battle...

Stay
away from
me, you
freak!!



My face
will heal!
I know
it!

I am no
different!
I am still
Irene!

So
please...



Then you're
an enemy to
humanity! Seize
her! Take this
hideous dragon
woman and lock
her up!



I shall
not! Unlike
him, I *love*
dragonkind!

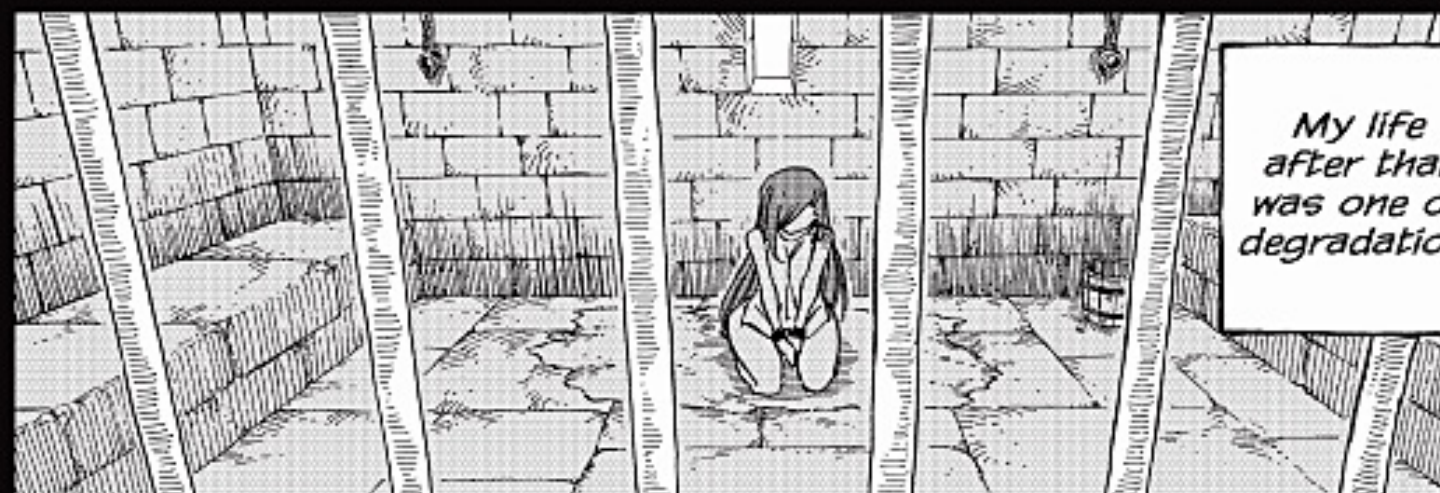


This creature
will become the
next Acnologia
!!!

うわあああ!!!
AAAH! EEEEEK!



You think
I want a
monster for
a child?!

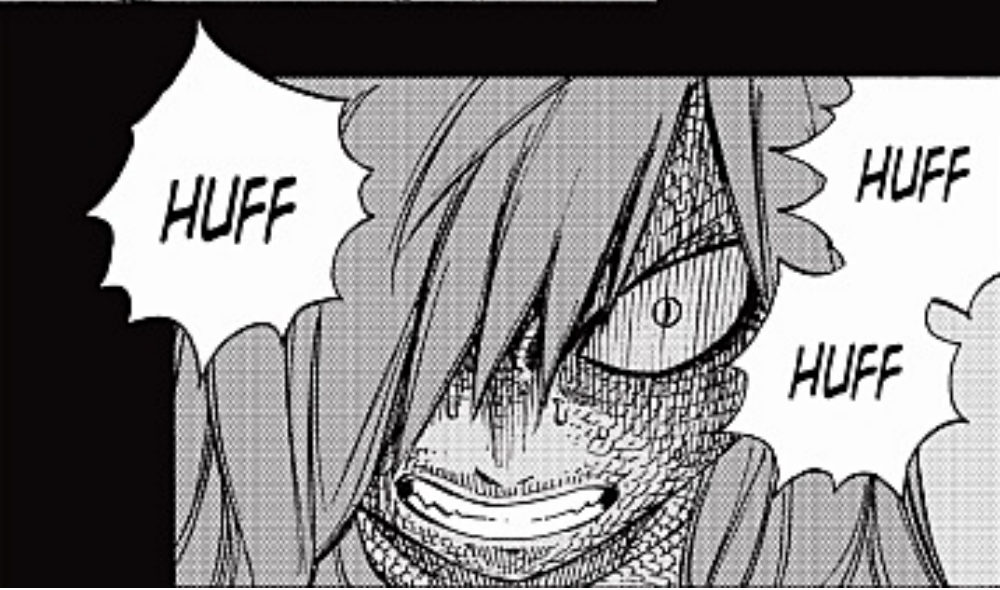


*My life
after that
was one of
degradation.*











A black and white comic illustration of a giant dragon breathing fire. The dragon is coiled around a large, dark, rocky structure, with its head raised and mouth open, breathing a stream of fire. Its scales are detailed with a cross-hatched pattern. In the bottom right corner, three small figures in medieval-style clothing are looking up at the dragon. The background is filled with smoke and fire.

A
dragon
?!





I never
asked
for this
body!!

I want
my human
body back!



I am
human!

I am a
human
being!!



...help
me...

Some-
body...



*And
through
it all, you
remained
inside of
me.*

*Several
centuries
passed.*



Who are you?!

That's a rare sight. Dragons still exist?



And one day...



I never stopped looking for magic that could cure my affliction, but I stayed deep in the mountains, where there were no people to bother me.



That was how I met His Majesty.

Oh, I see. You're a human, aren't you?



...was mere child's play for him...



He was a genius with magic.

What I could not accomplish in hundreds of years...

Yes!

Human
...!

I finally
have...
my body
back!

I'm
human
again...!

I look like
me again...

I'm so
happy!!

No! This
is fine!
I just...

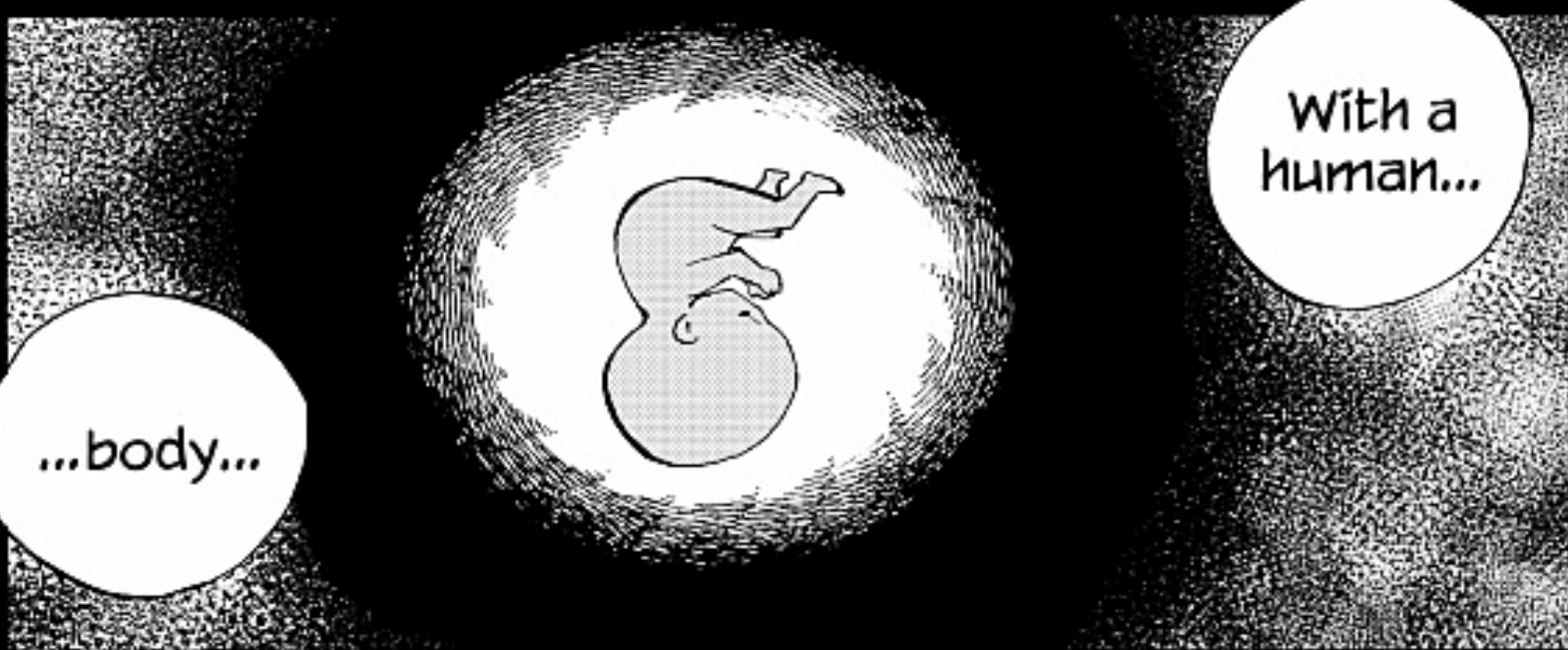
It is simply a
different form.
Unfortunately,
you're already...

I taste
nothing...

...

But
I soon
realized
that it
wasn't the
same at all.

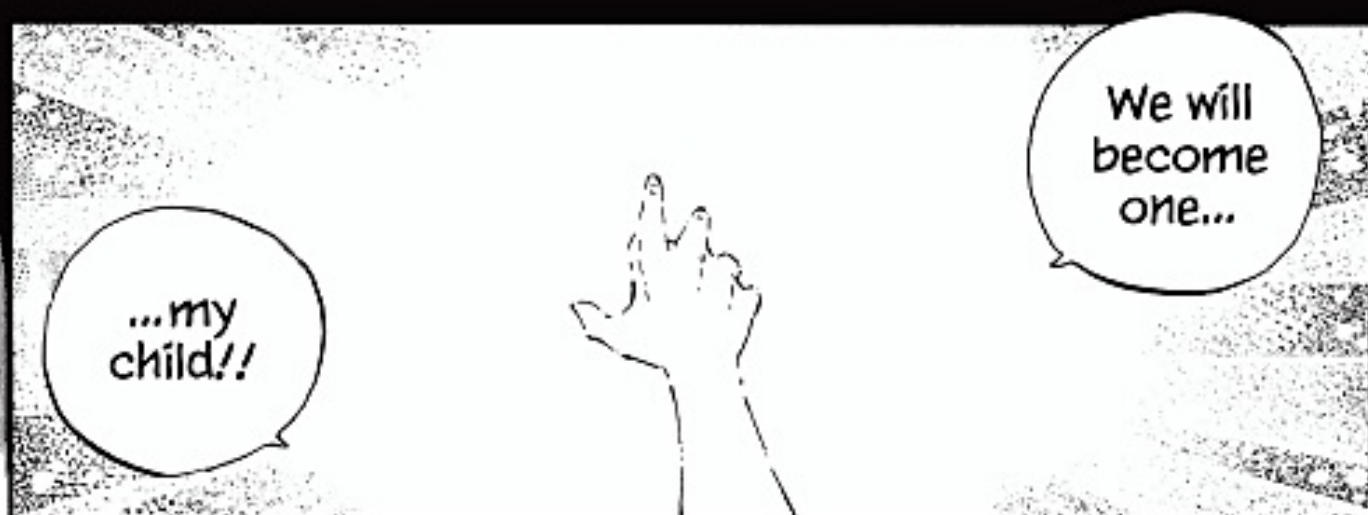


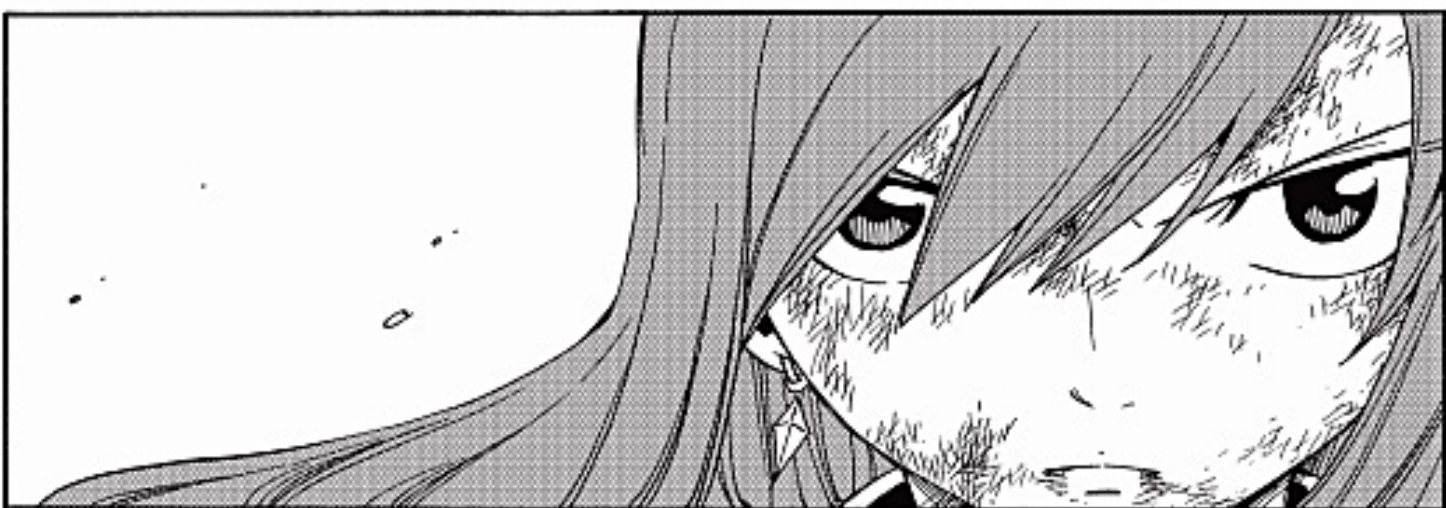




If I could
Enchant
this child
with my very
essence...

...then I
would have
a human
body again,
wouldn't I?









*Because
if you
hadn't...*

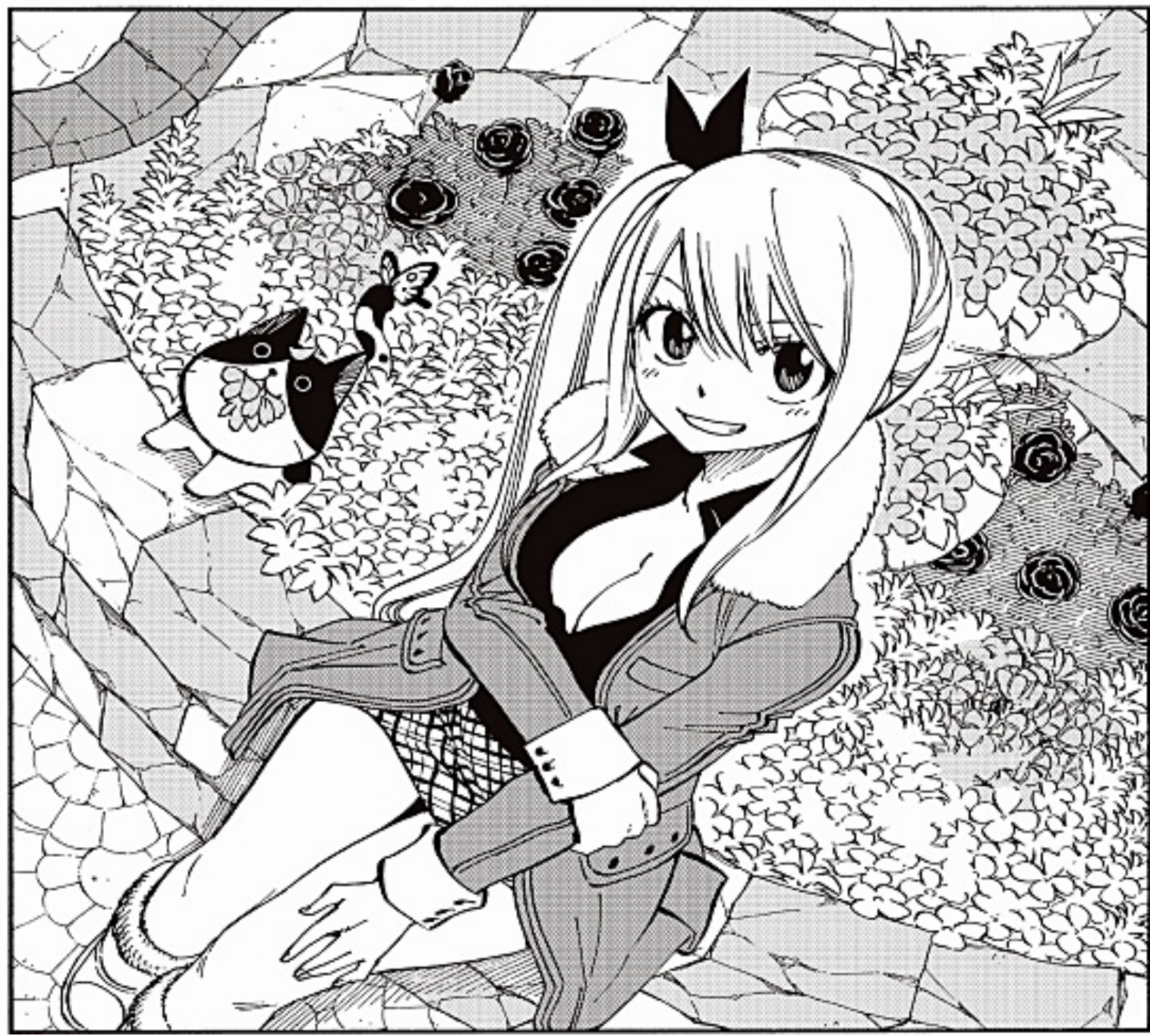
*...I would
never have
found
my true
family!*

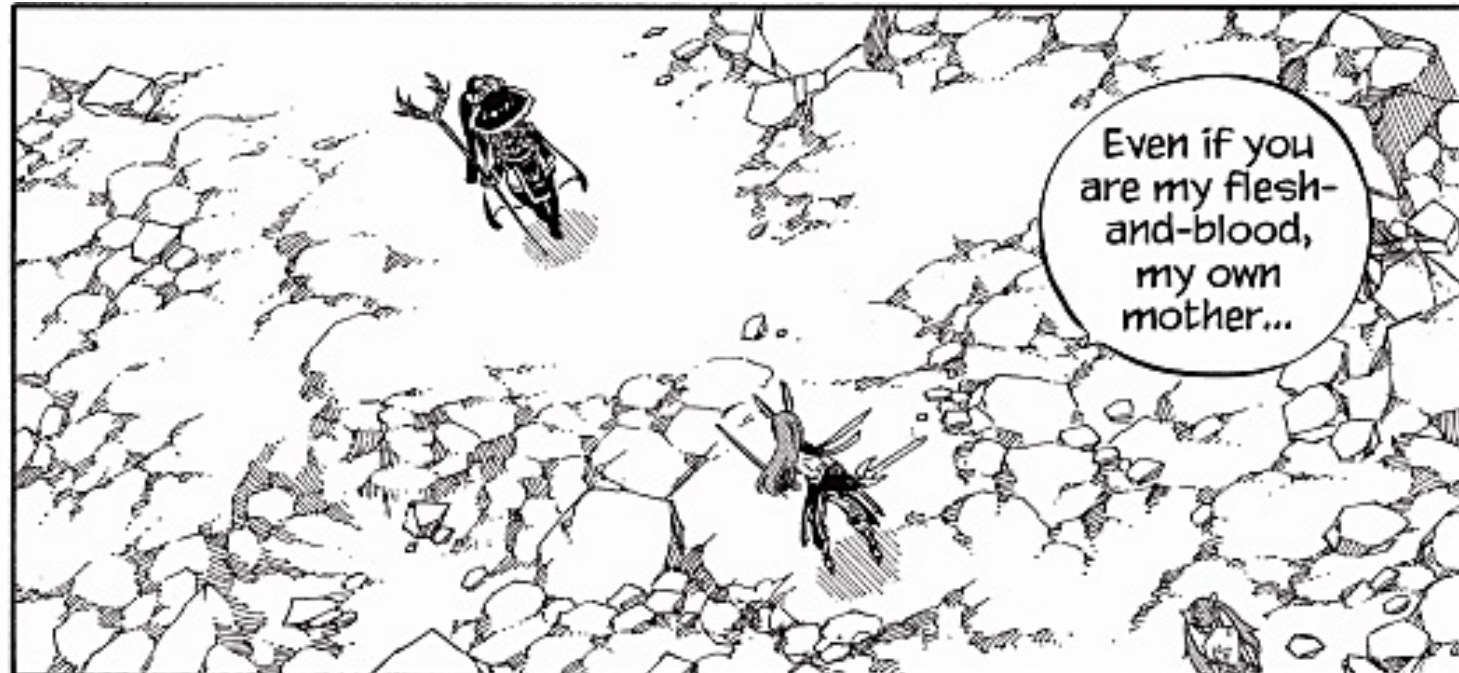
BOOM

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Chapter 516: The Essence of Enchant









...Do
you really
think you
can beat
me?

I was
chosen to be
a queen, based
solely on my
skills with
magic...





*Sky Dragon's Wing Attack!!!





Urg!!



**CRIMSON
DOUBLE-
BLADE!!!!**

**UWAAH
!!**

ZWOOSH

I heard
your past,
and I pity
you.

You
dare...

...to
wound
me...?!

SKKRT

...and
that is
something
I cannot
forgive!

But...

...you said
you do not
love your own
daughter...

You *do*
remember the
Dragon Seed
I spoke of
earlier, do
you not?

Listen, my
little dragon
slayer.





I
know.



Well, one
identical to
mine dwells
within you!



...devoted
many years
of her life to
a magic that
completely
halted its
growth.

However,
my mother...



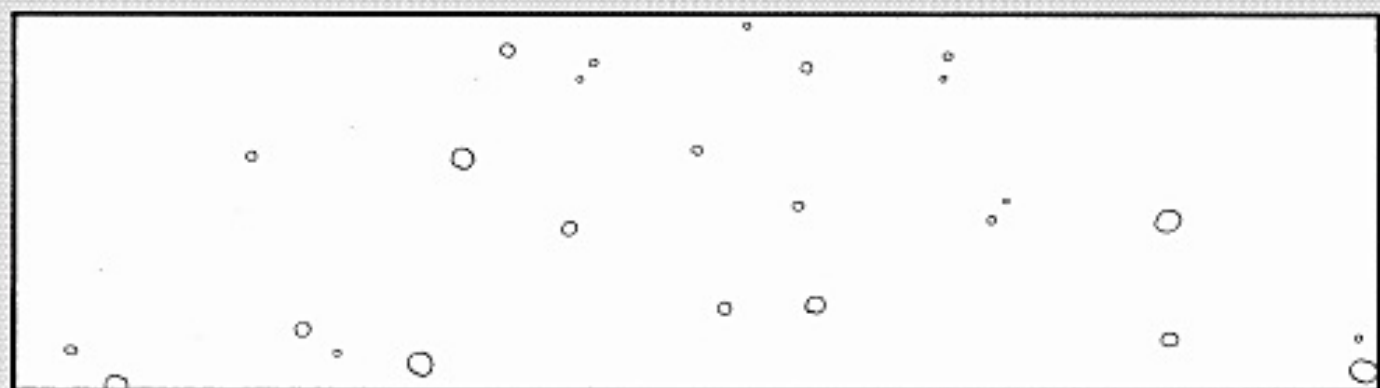
And
that's why
we will never
turn into
dragons.



What
?!

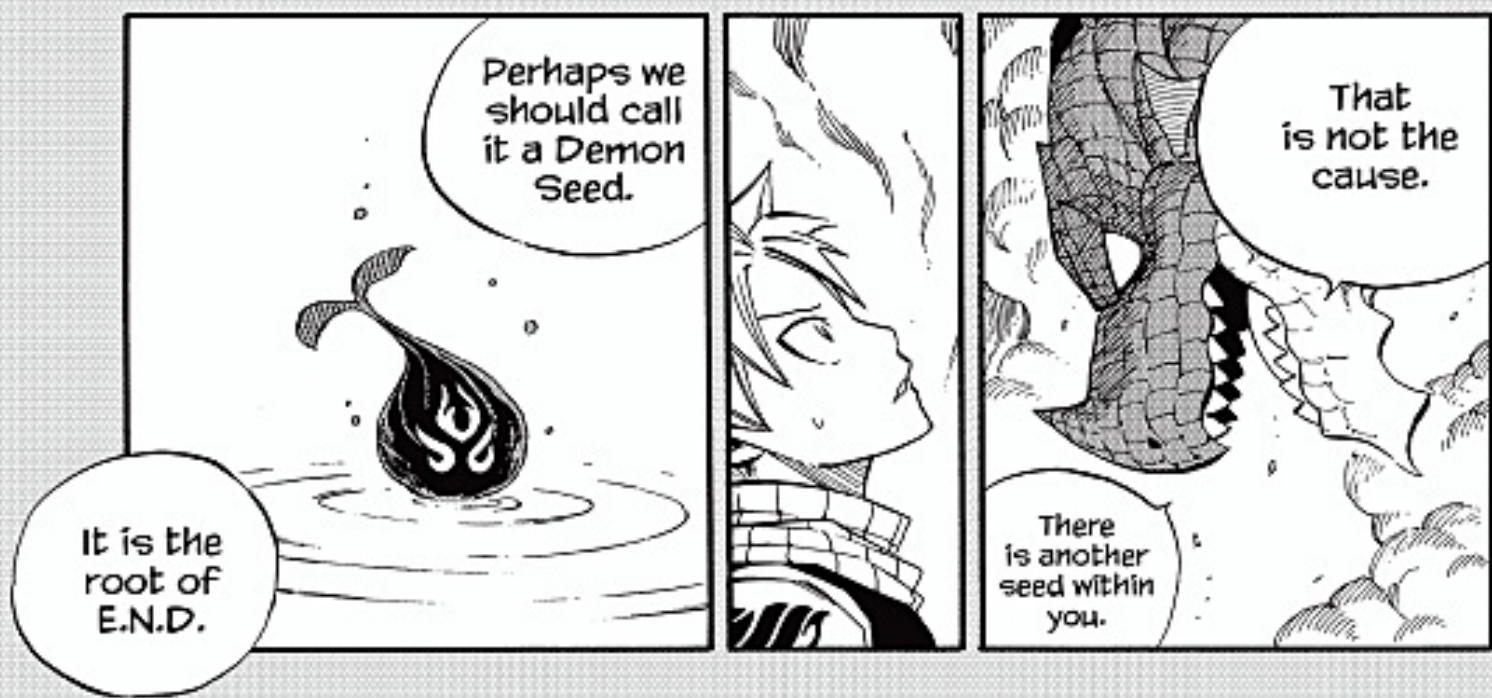


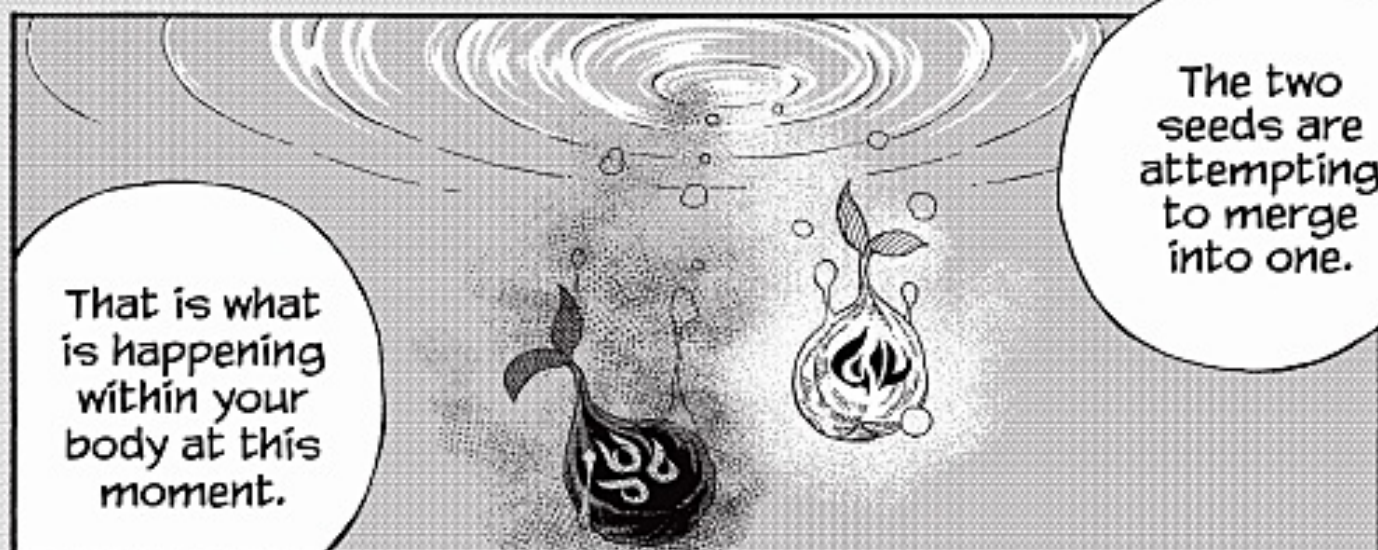
Probably
not even
Natsu.

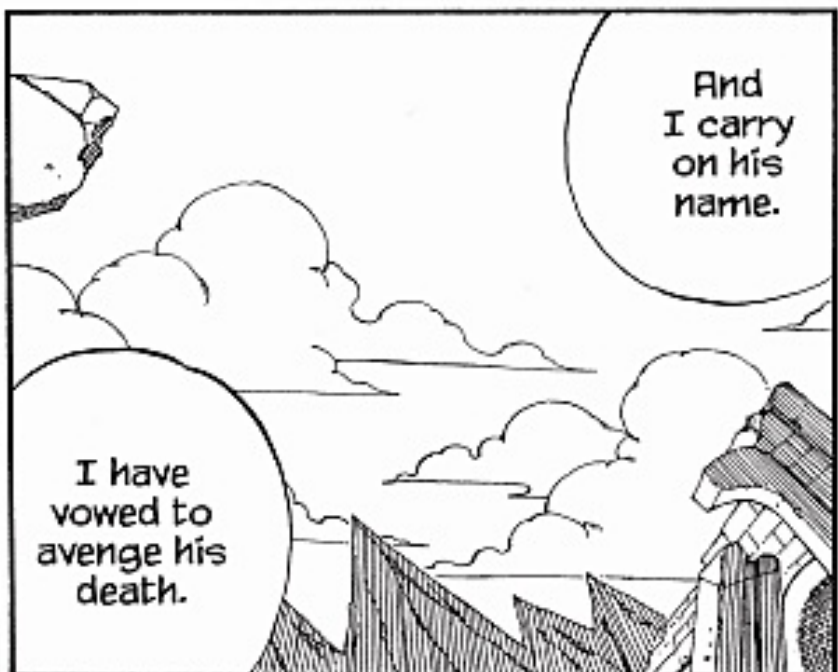
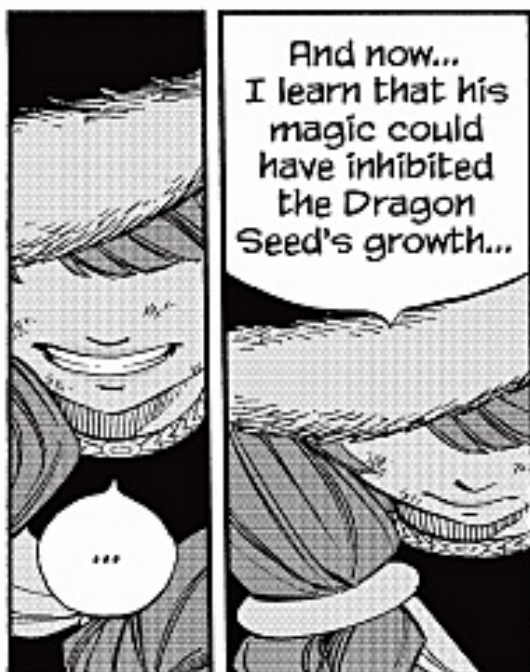
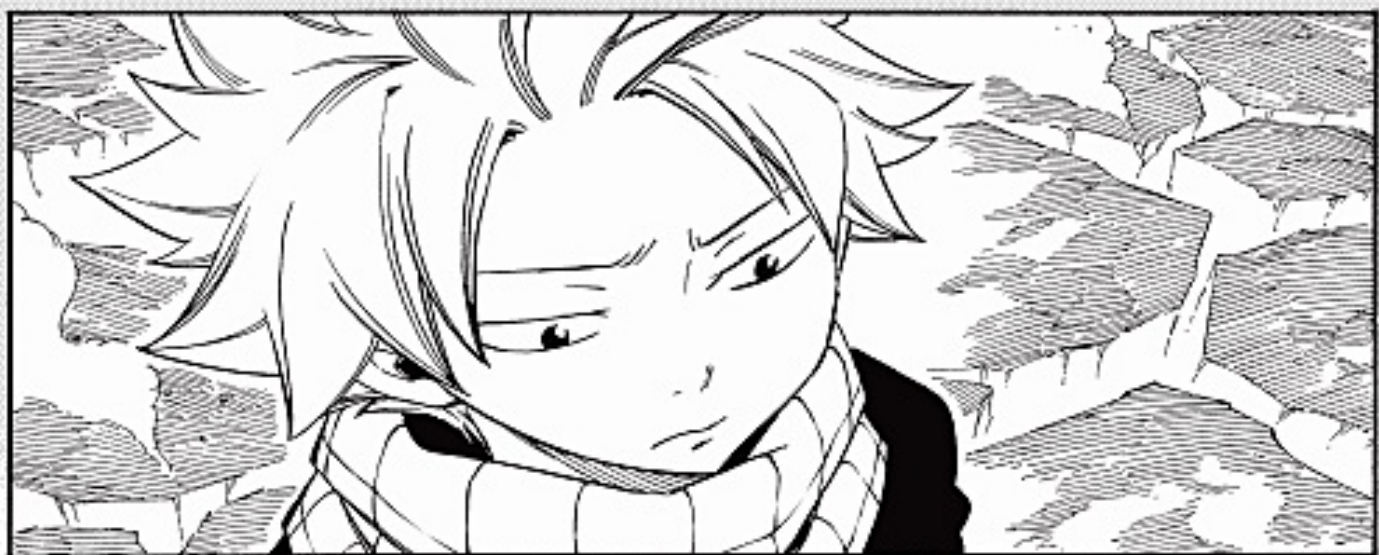


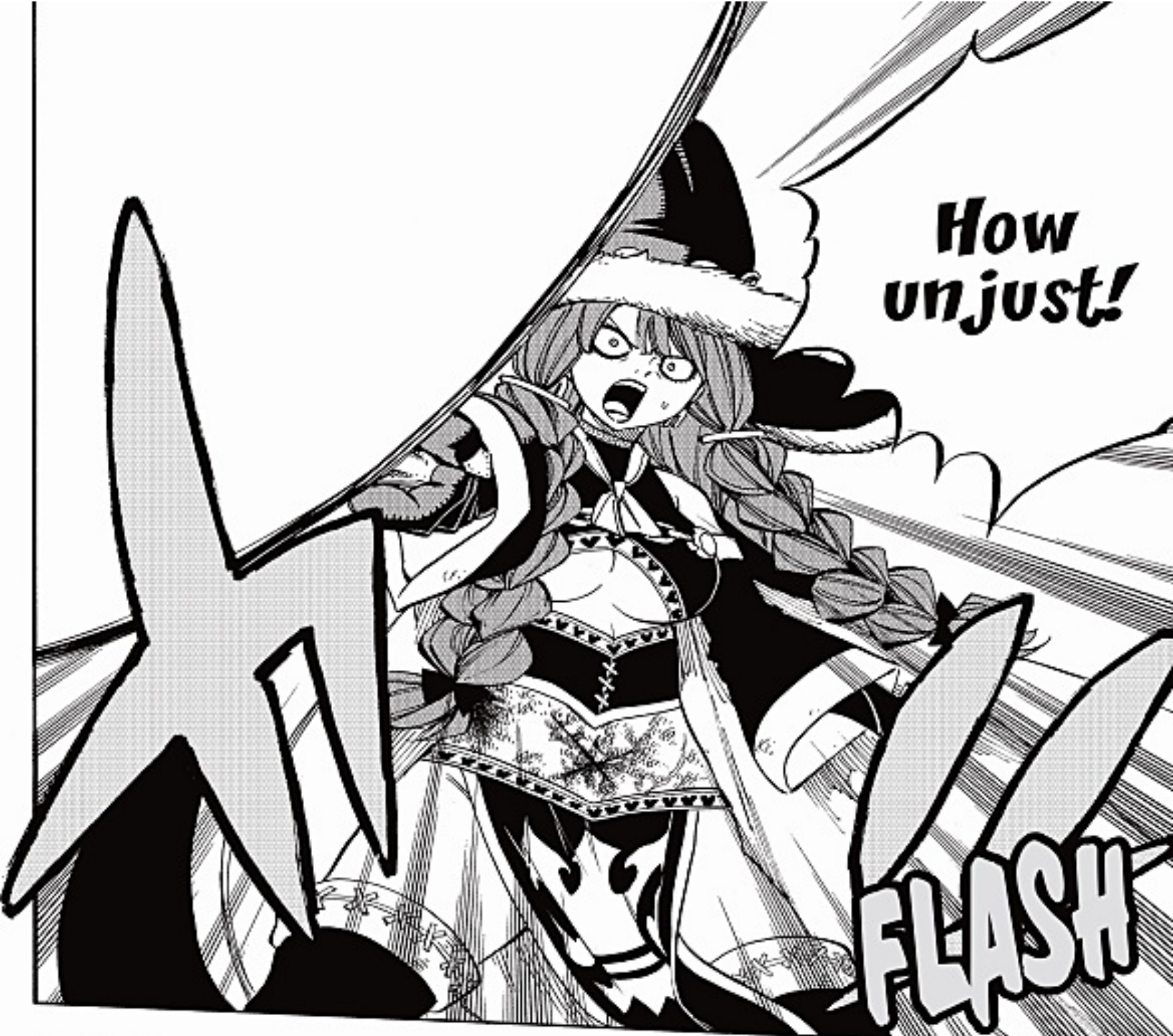


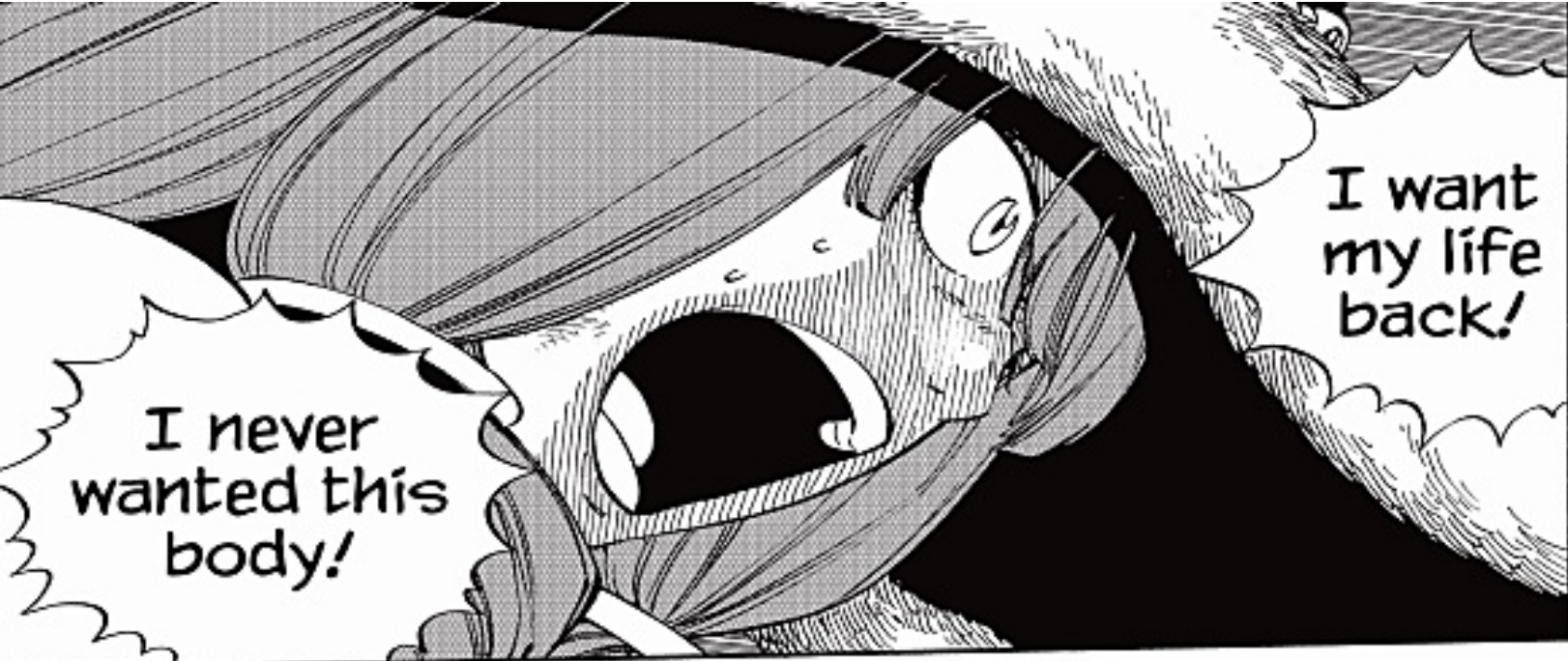
But I
stopped its
growth.











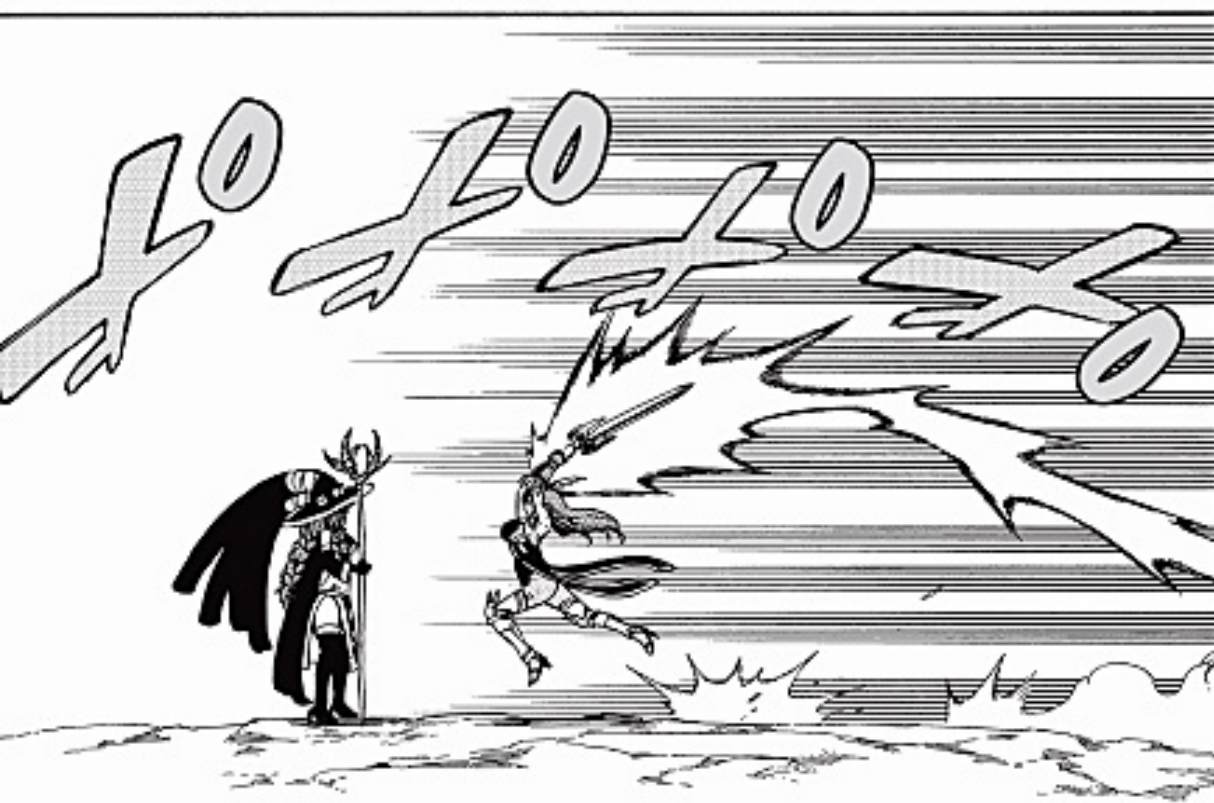




What?! She
is capable of
such high-level
Enchantment
...?



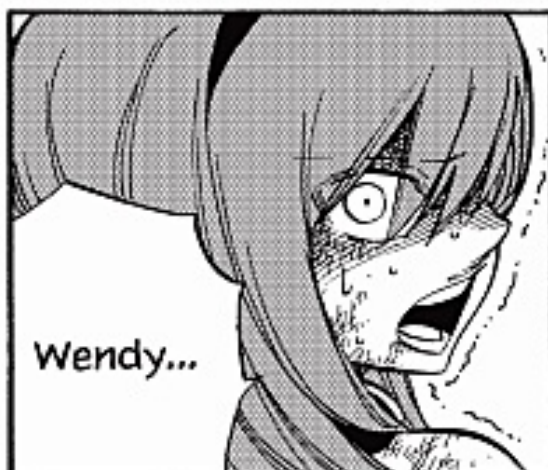
I nullify
your Deus Zero
with another
Deus Zero!



This will
end it!!!









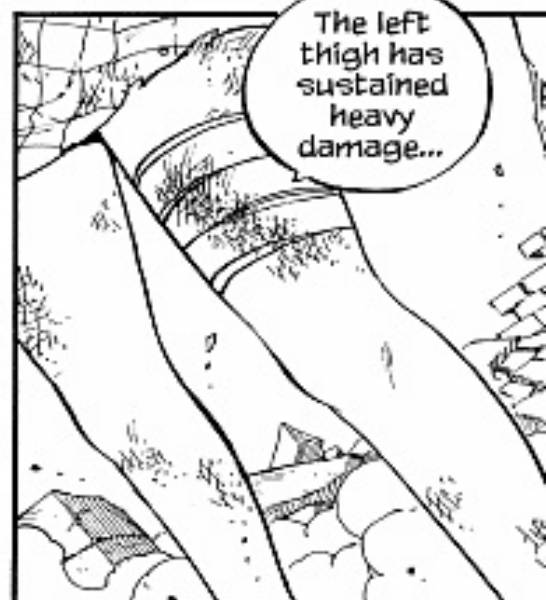
A new body!
A new life!

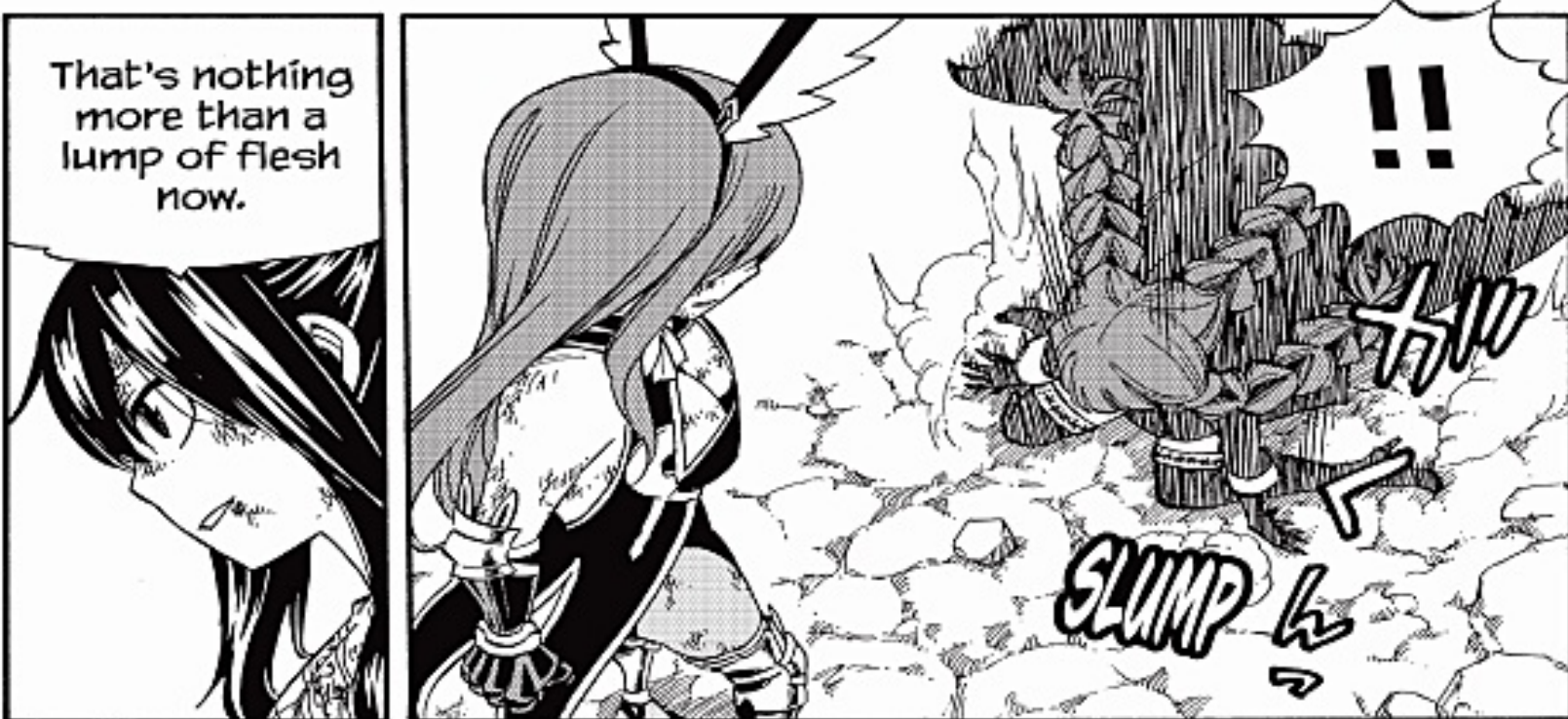
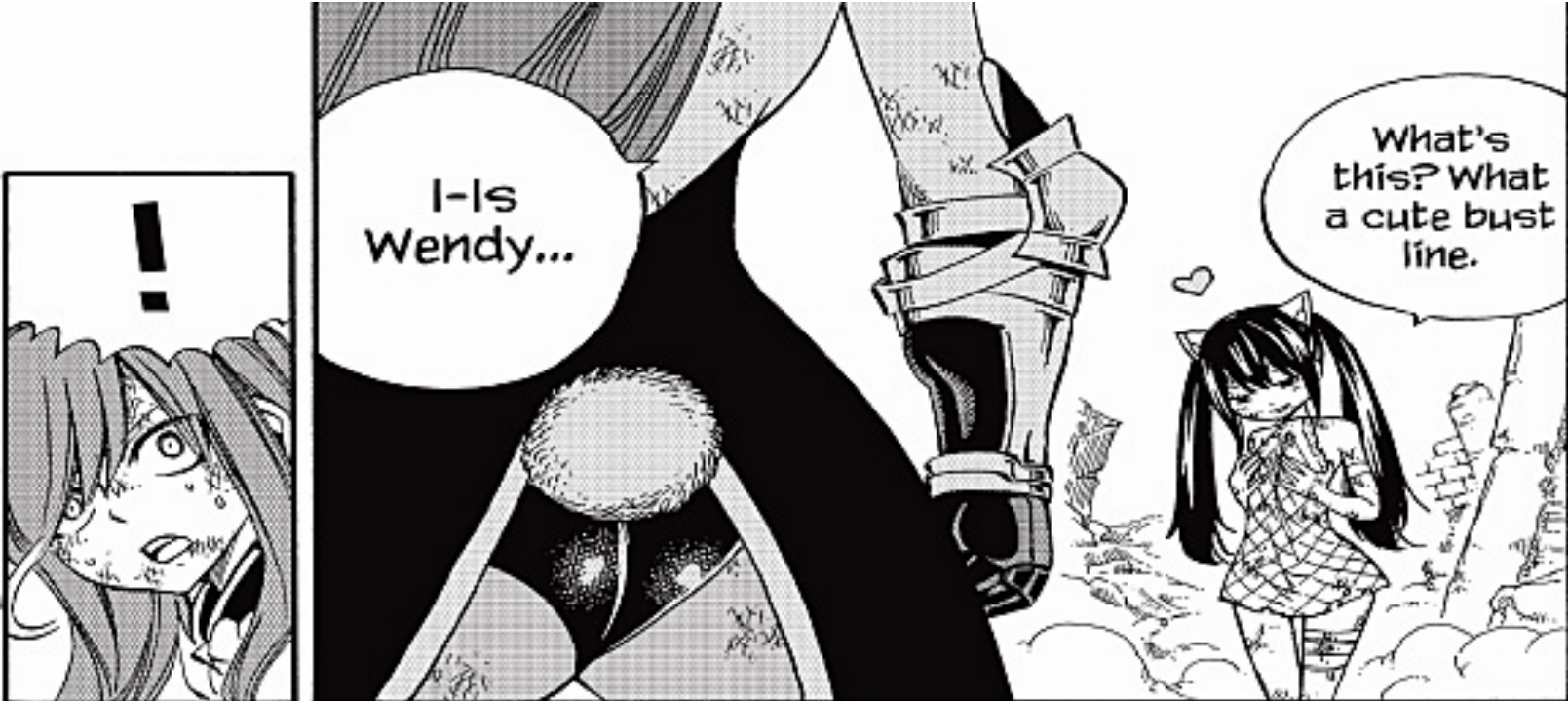
Irene
has been
reborn!

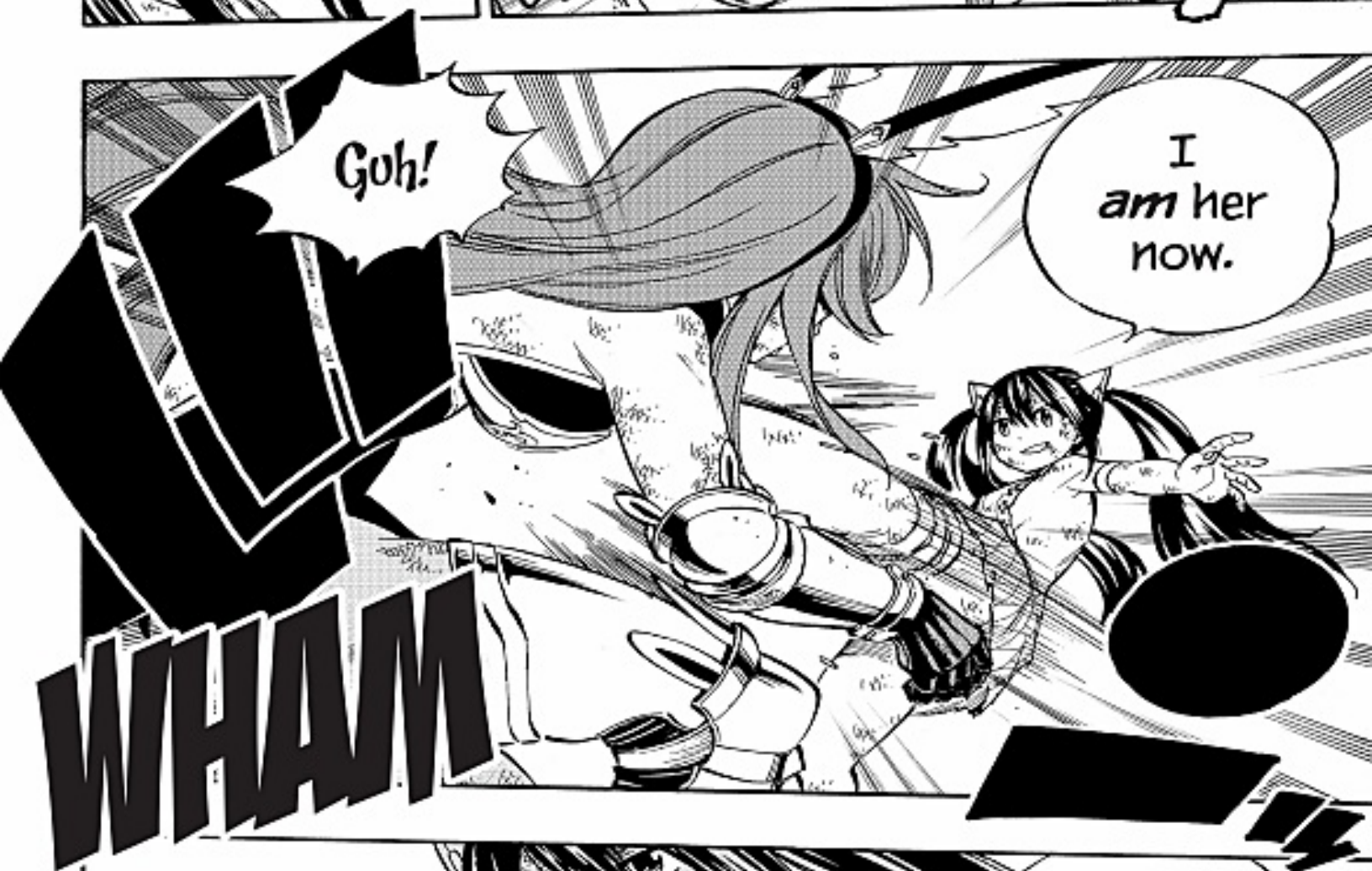
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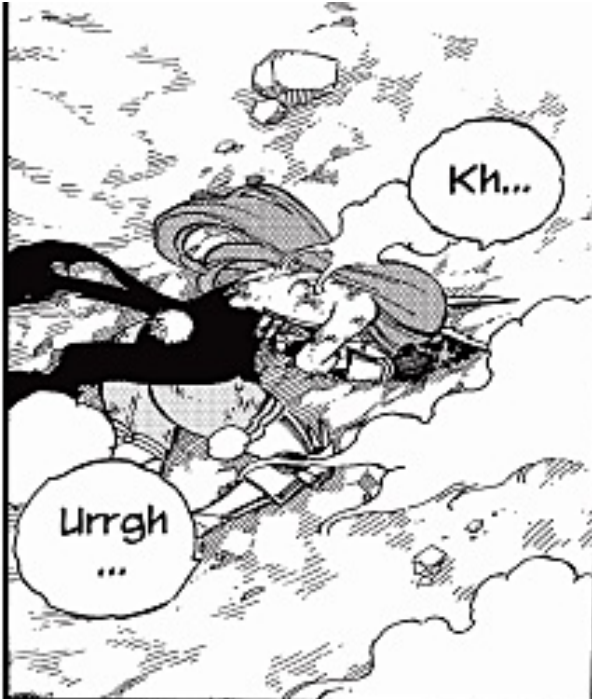












Kh...

Urrgh ...



Hm. I didn't lose as much magic power as expected.

But I suppose that is because her potential was greater than I foresaw.



Now...

Shall we end playtime?



So I will simply remove you from existence.

It really wouldn't do for a sweet little thing like me to have a *child*, would it?

How
else am
I to enjoy
my new
life?!

Gah!

ZWOOSH

3
FLOAT

あゝ

Sky
dragon
slayer
magic...

...works
like this,
perhaps?

Raaa
!!

FWOOOOOM

I'm
really
enjoying
this!!!

Ha
ha!



Don't
waste your
breath! Her
conscious-
ness has
perished.



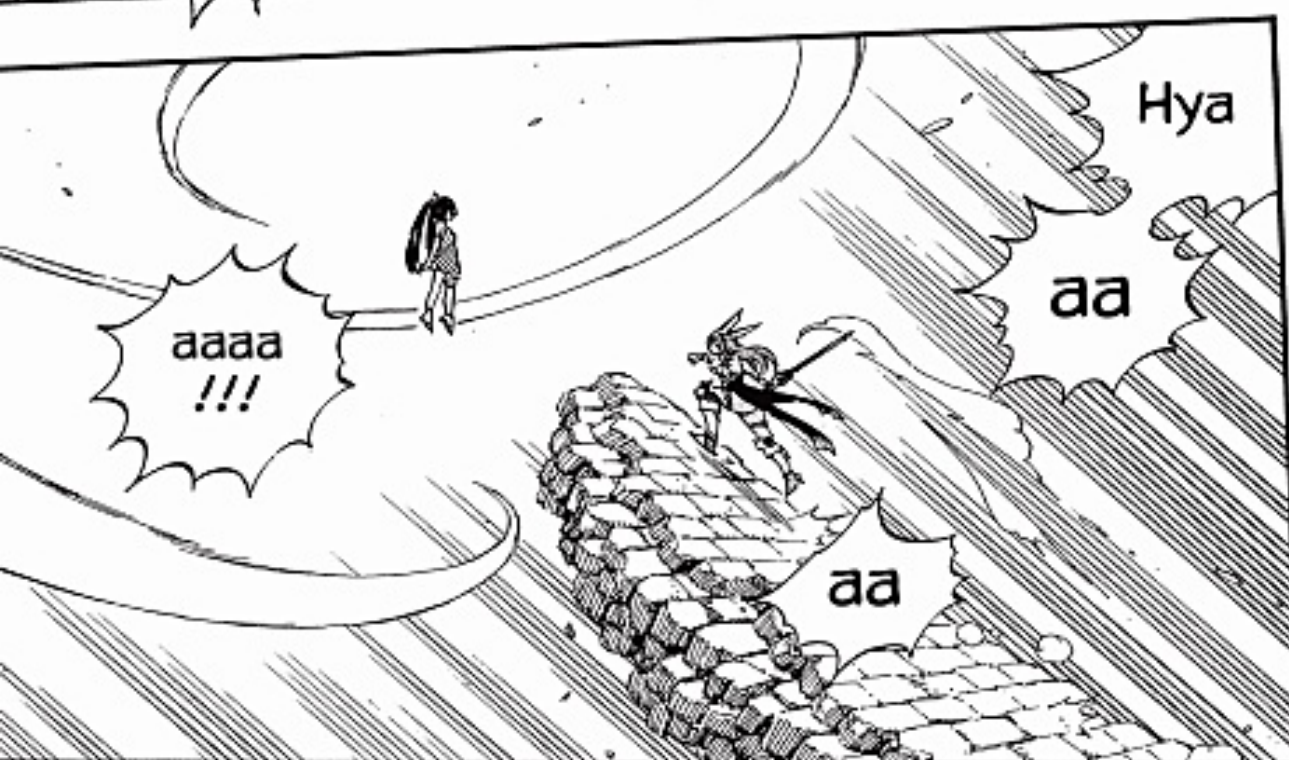
Wendy!!
Get her
out of your
body!!!



*I am
Wendy
now!!!*

*Wendy
Belserion
!!!!*

FWOOOOOH



But your
friends can
fill that
hole.

It's
a painful
thing to part
with those
who you've
loved.

Come...

...to
Fairy
Tail.



Erza-san
!!





*This time,
it'll be me
protecting
you, Erza-
san!*



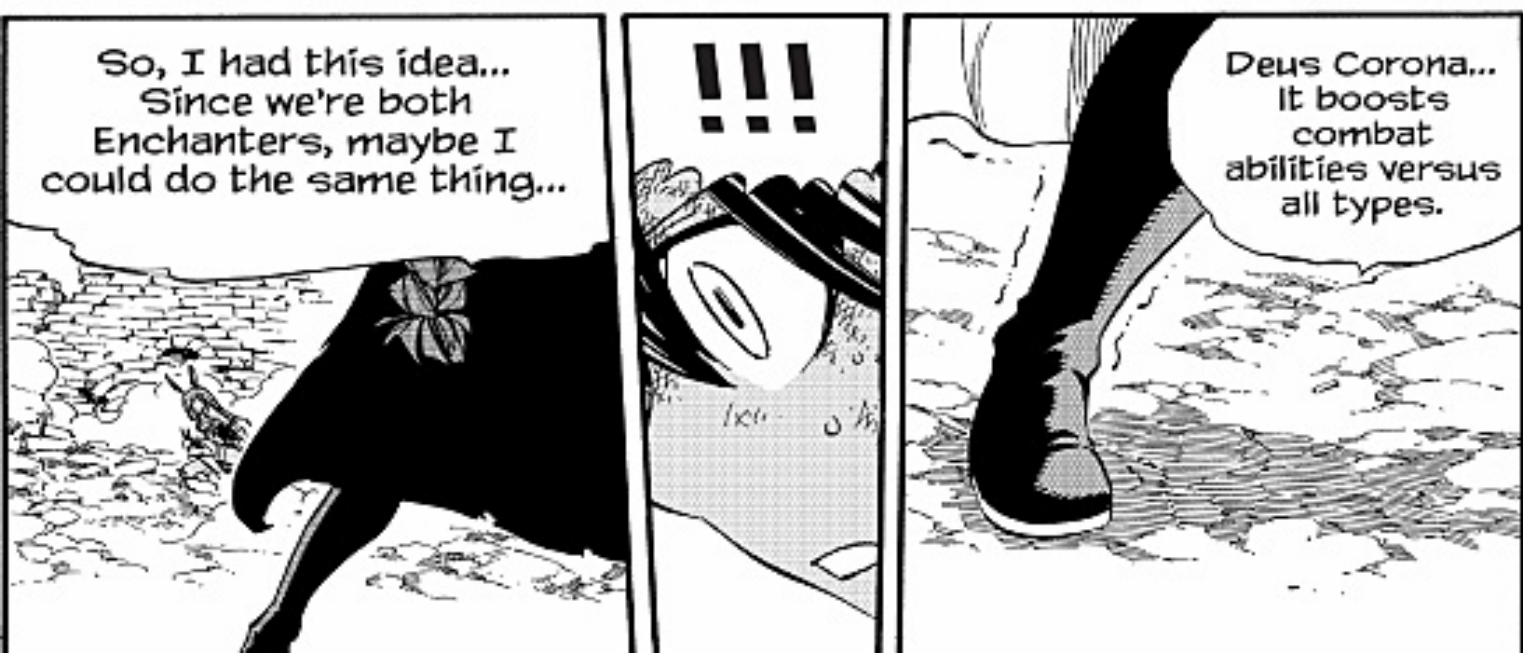
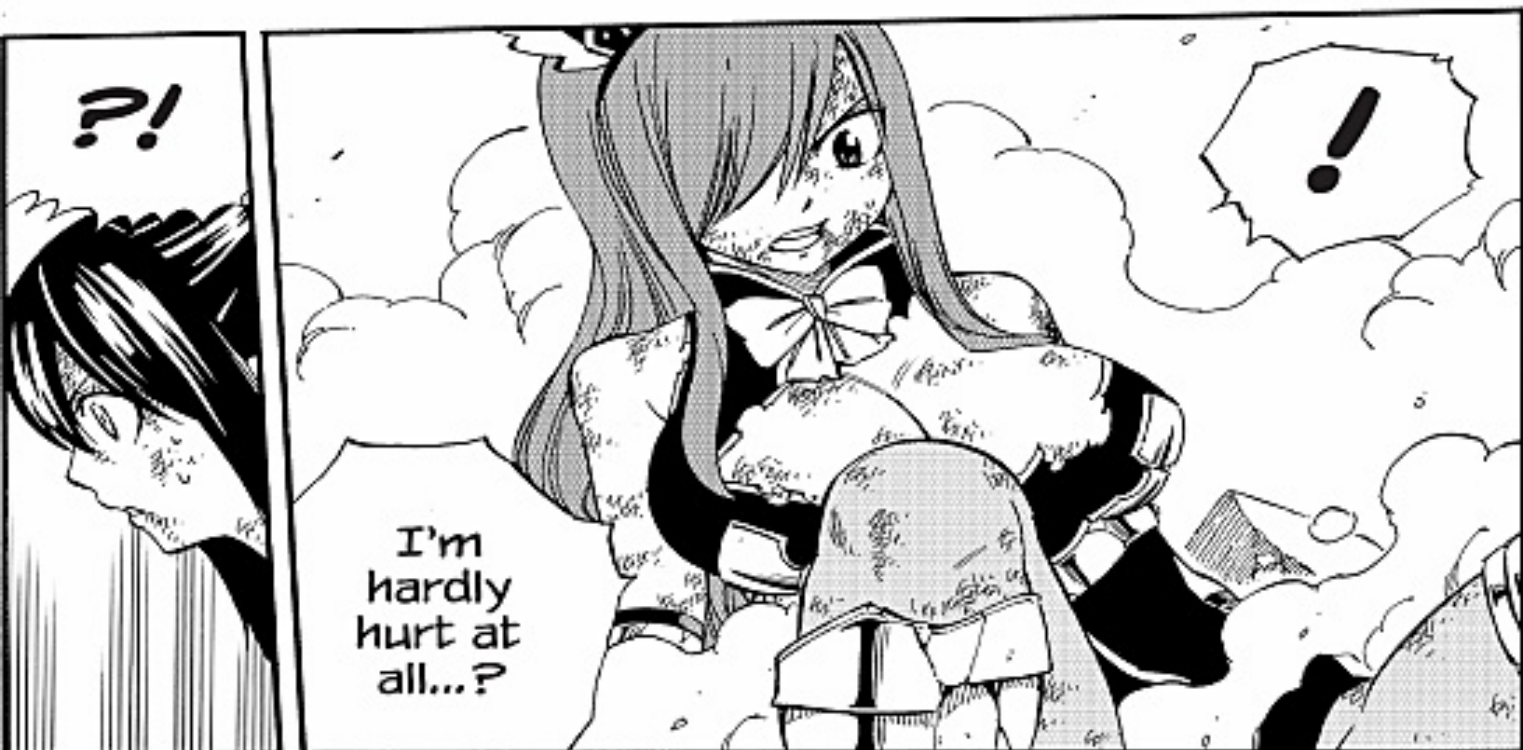
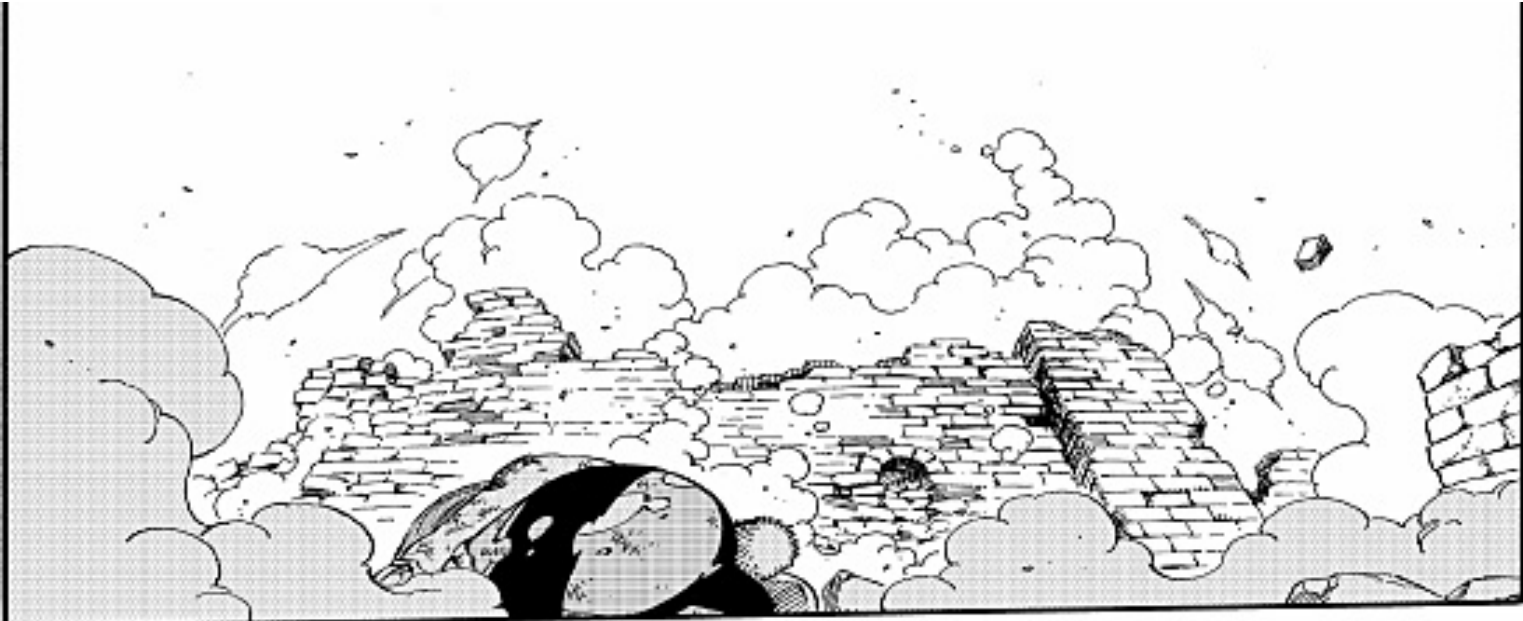
Goh!

**Ha
ha!**



*You're
far too
soft,
Erza!!*









Taking
my body
was a real
mistake on
your part.

Your
magic
power is
amazing.



*Erza-san,
get down,
please!!!!*



Kh!!

WHAM!!



Extraction
Enchant
!!!



She's
pushing...
me...
back?!



Who...is
this girl?!

Yes, I do. My
magic power
is far greater
than yours
now.



Wha-?!

You think
you can
force me
out of this
body?!



I admit,
this larger bust
would be nice to
have, but that
tiny body is
where I've lived
all my life!

You will
give me
back my
body!!

FWOOOM



What
are you
...?!



ZLASH



You
little...



I've finally
gotten my
human body,
and I'm never
giving it back!
Ever!

Do you really
want to return
to this body
now?!

ZWAT

ZWAT

ZWAT

ZWAT

ZWAT

ZWAT

ZWAT

ZWAT

ZWAT

ZWAT

ZWAT

So give me
as many as
you'd like!



The wounds
on my body
are proof of
the life I've
led!

They're
badges of
honor that
I earned
fighting for
Fairy Tail!



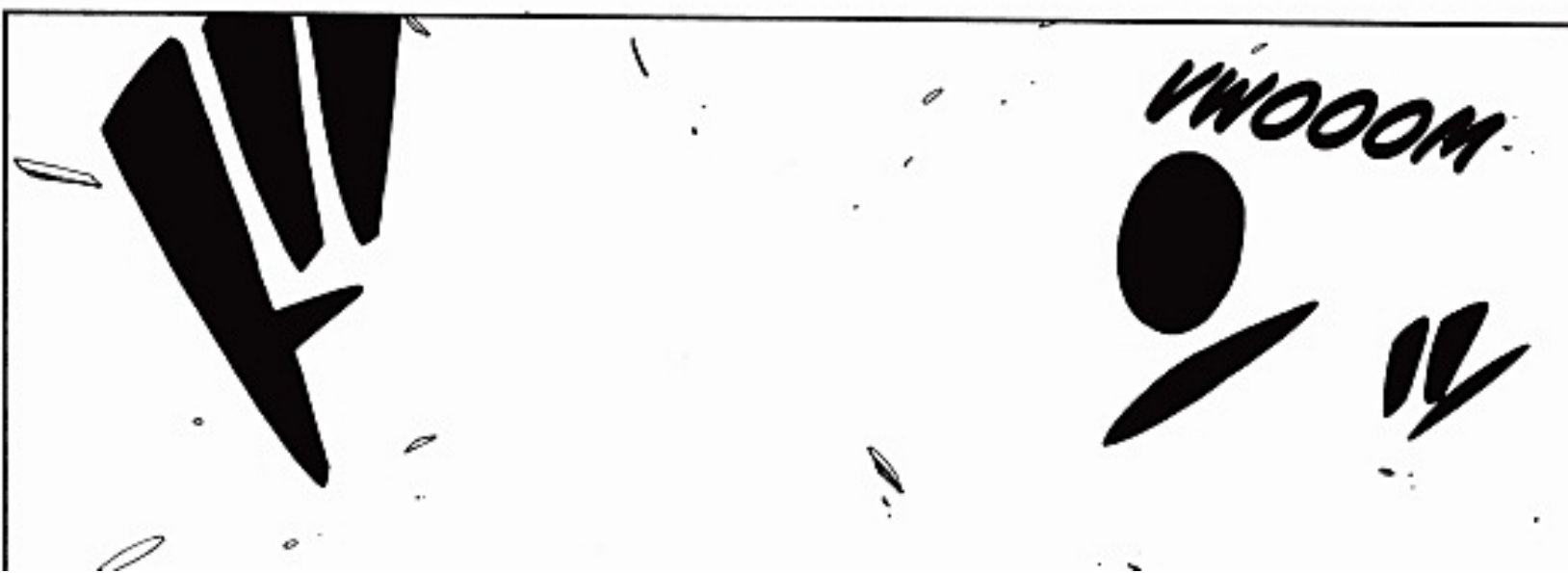
*But that body
remembers every
touch that ever
mattered to
me!!!*

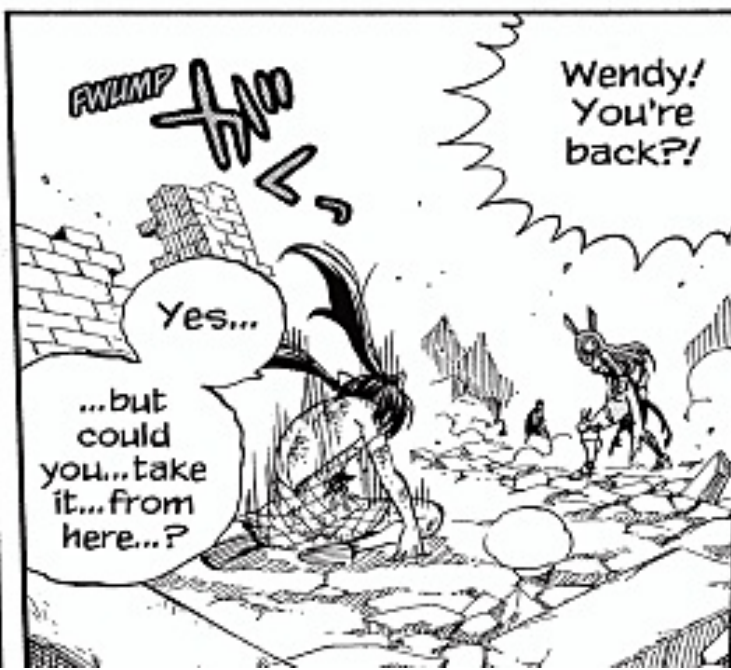


*Dammit
!!!!*



*Wendy
!!!*







You
little
brats
!!!



Yes.

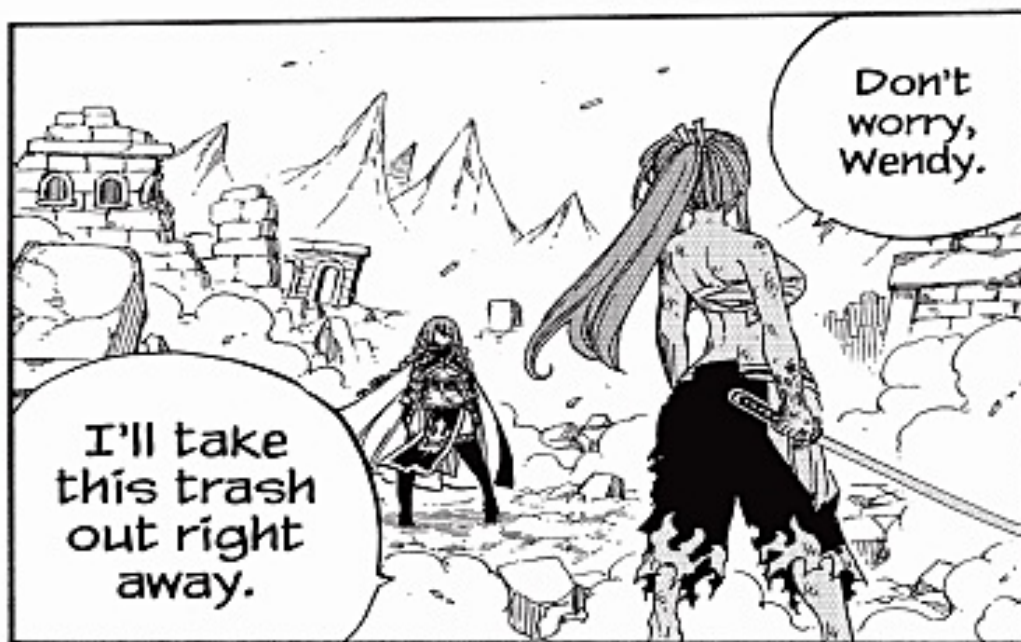
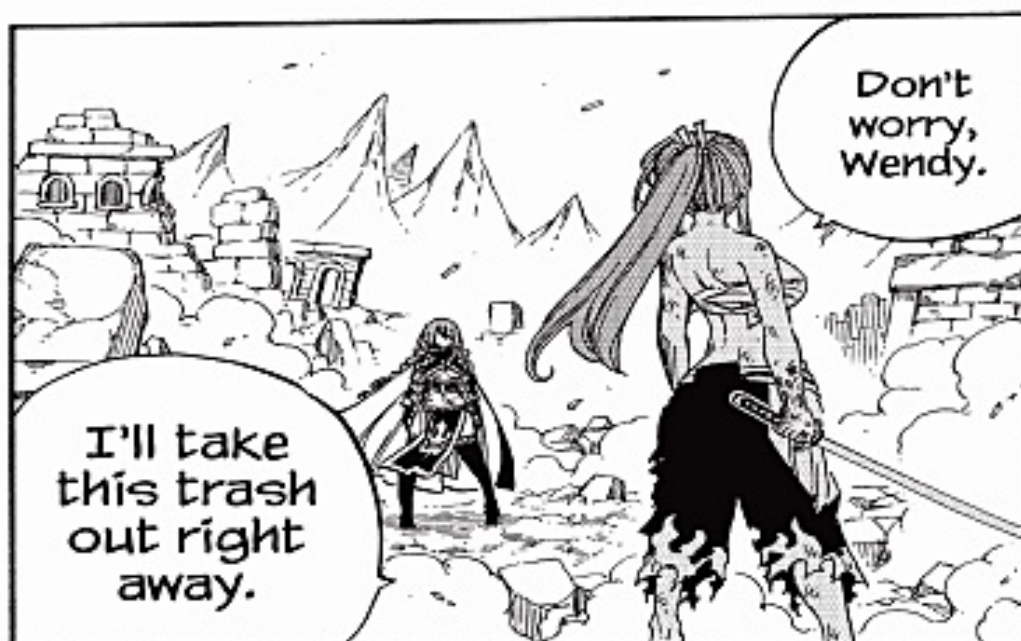
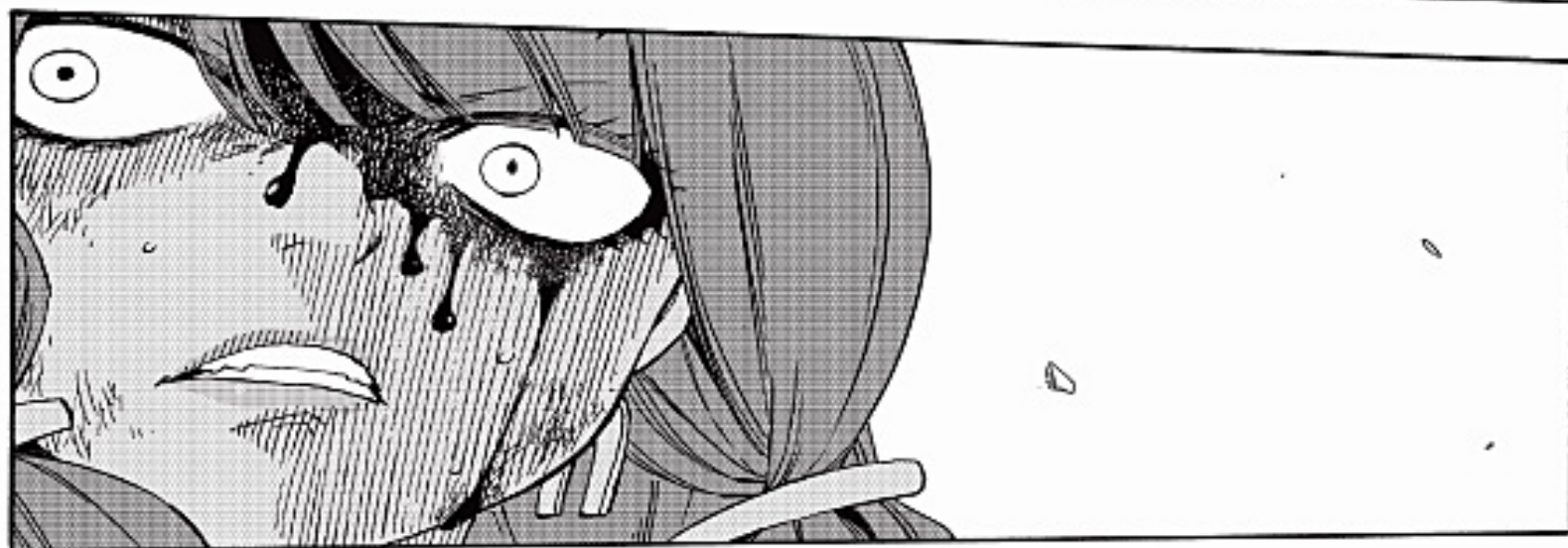
I will
finish
this.

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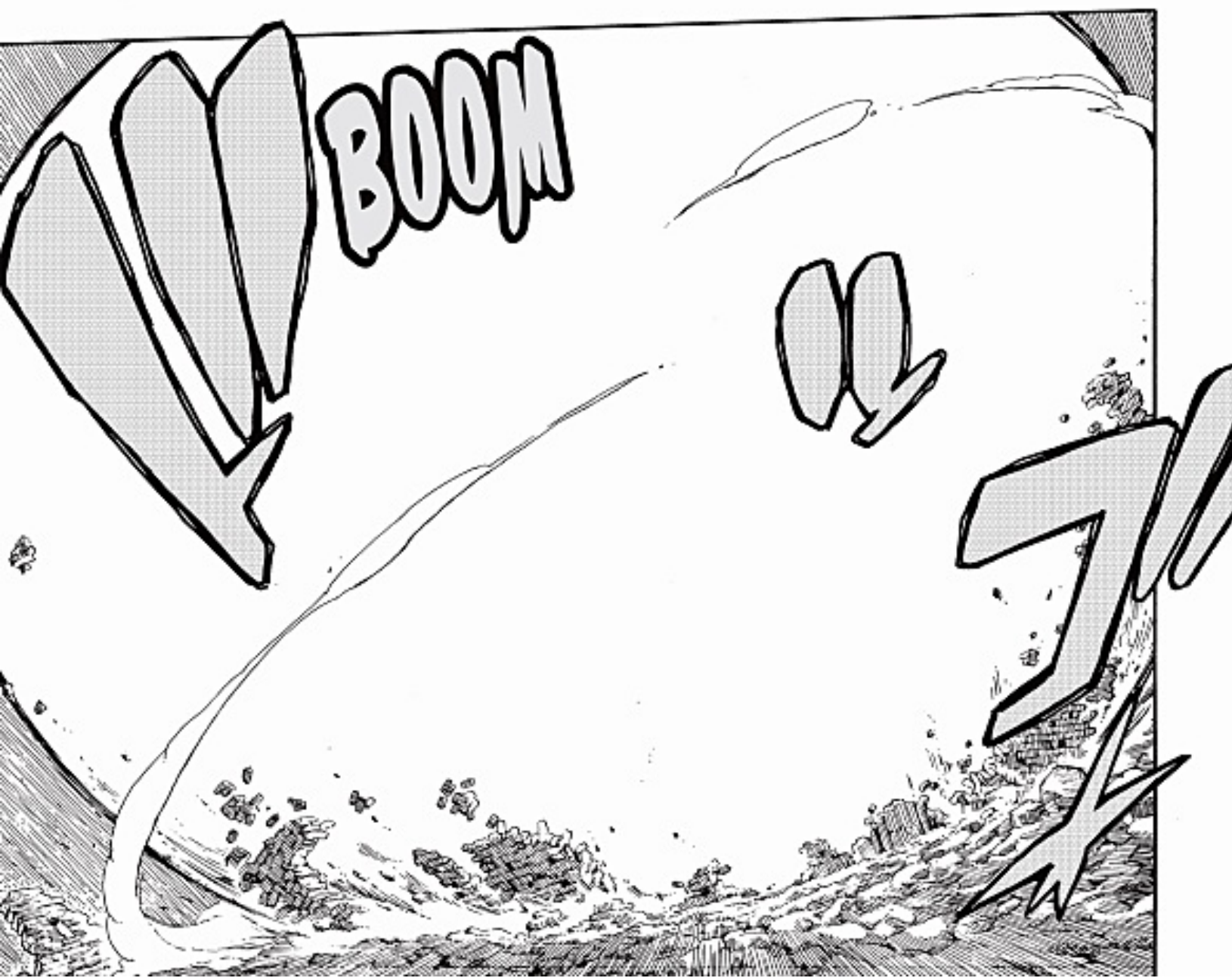


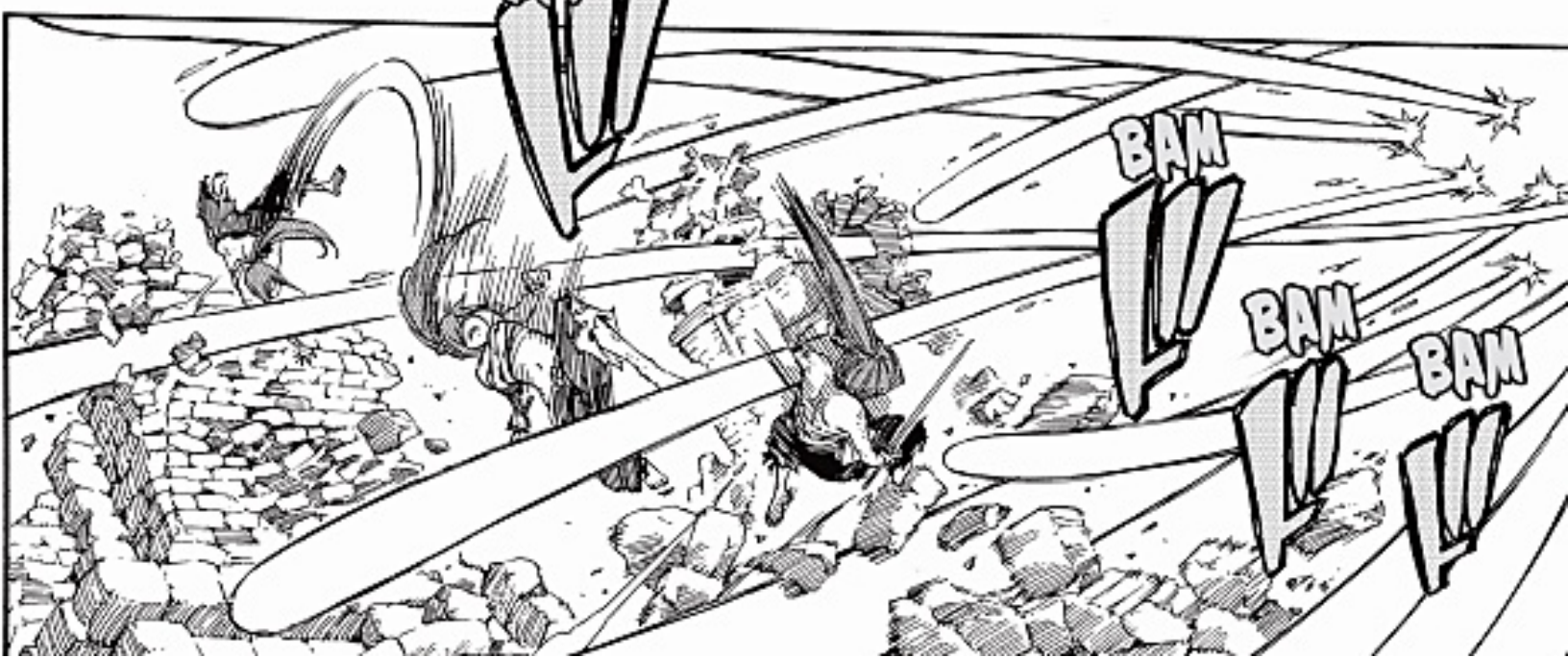
I have been
doing magic
for four
centuries
!!!!



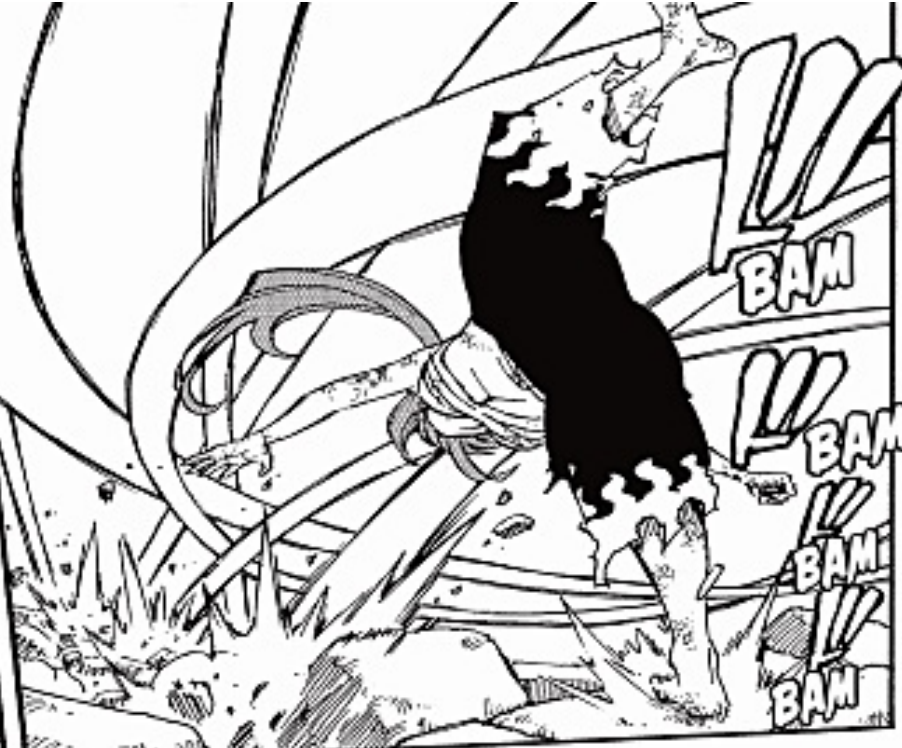
Right
away?

Surely
you jest.





I protected
you for four
hundred
years!



Yet, once
born, you have
been no use to
your mother
whatsoever!

And now you
intend to block
my path to
happiness?!



But...



I can see
that you are
suffering!



I shall not
be defeated
here!

GA-GLAAANG



SKRRRT



What do
you know of
suffering?!

WHOOSH



I was
held by a
religious
cult...for
years!



After you
abandoned
me in that
town, I was
captured.



But
that time is
what made
me who I
am!

Perhaps
I did not
suffer much
compared
to you.



Now
I have people
I hold dear!

CLAANG

Your pretty words ring hollow!

Because I had friends, I was able to overcome any misfortune!

I want you dead
!!!!

Wiped from existence!
Die! Die!

I detest every single thing about you!

I should never have had you in the first place!

Ah!

Wha—?!

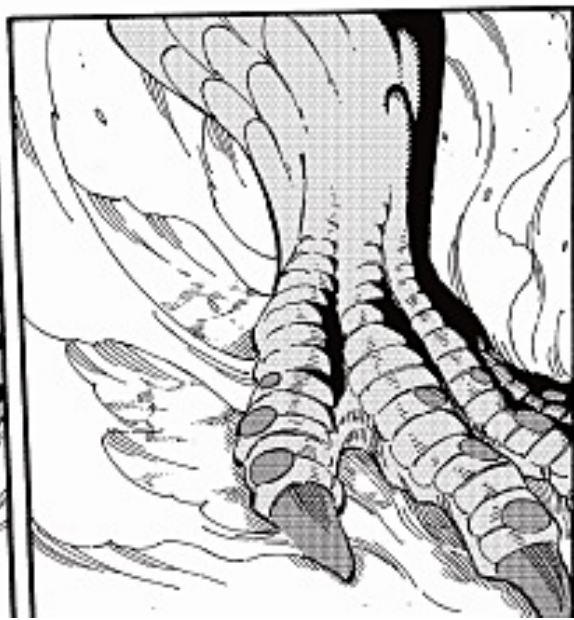
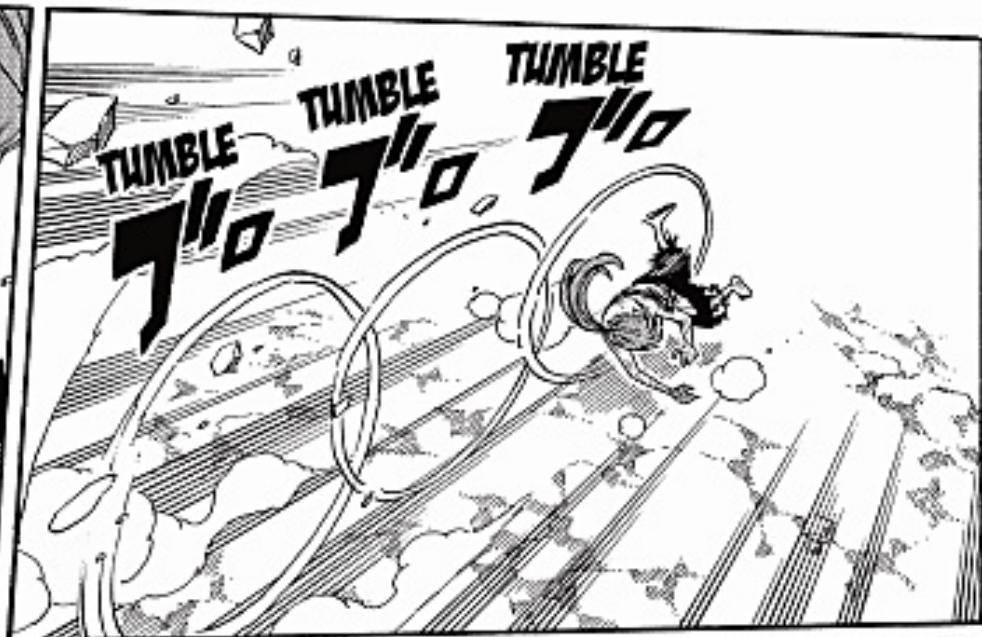
Aa

aa

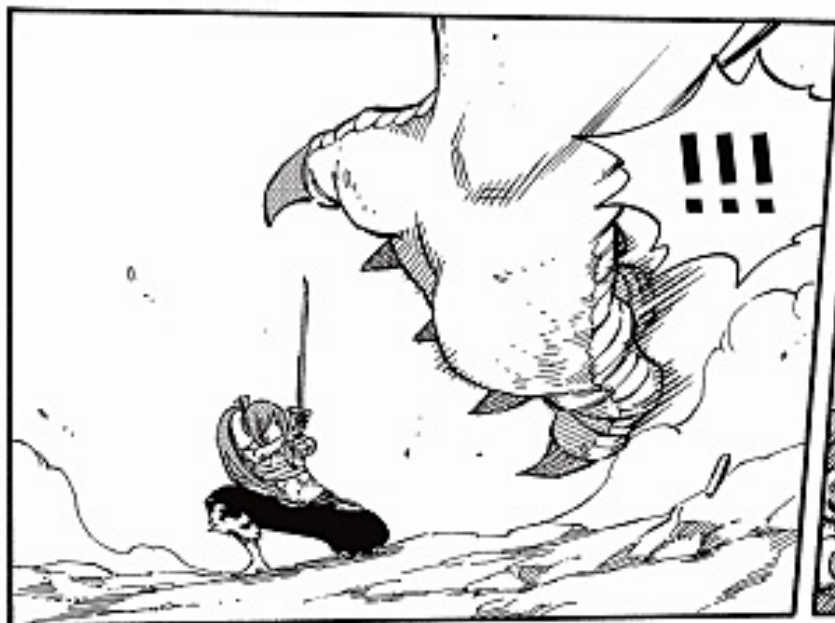
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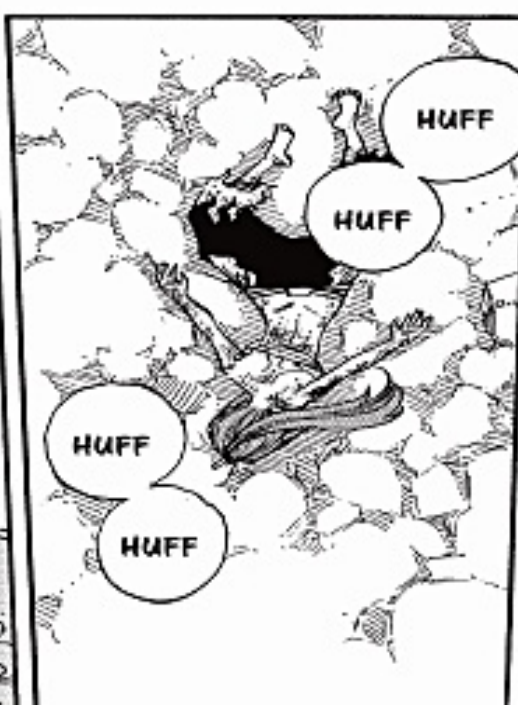
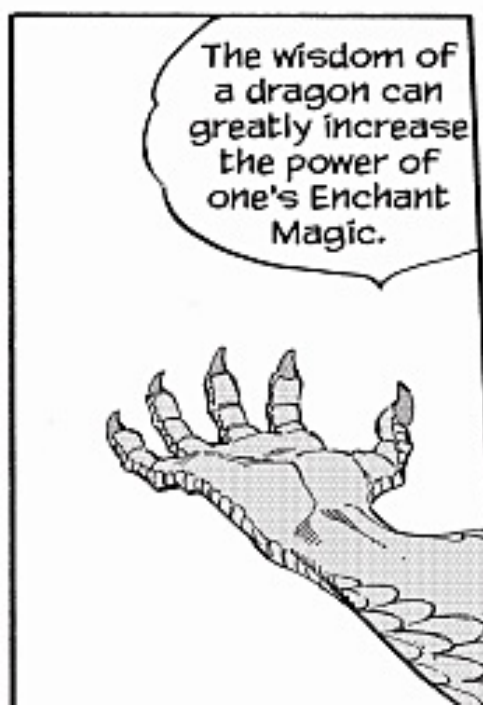
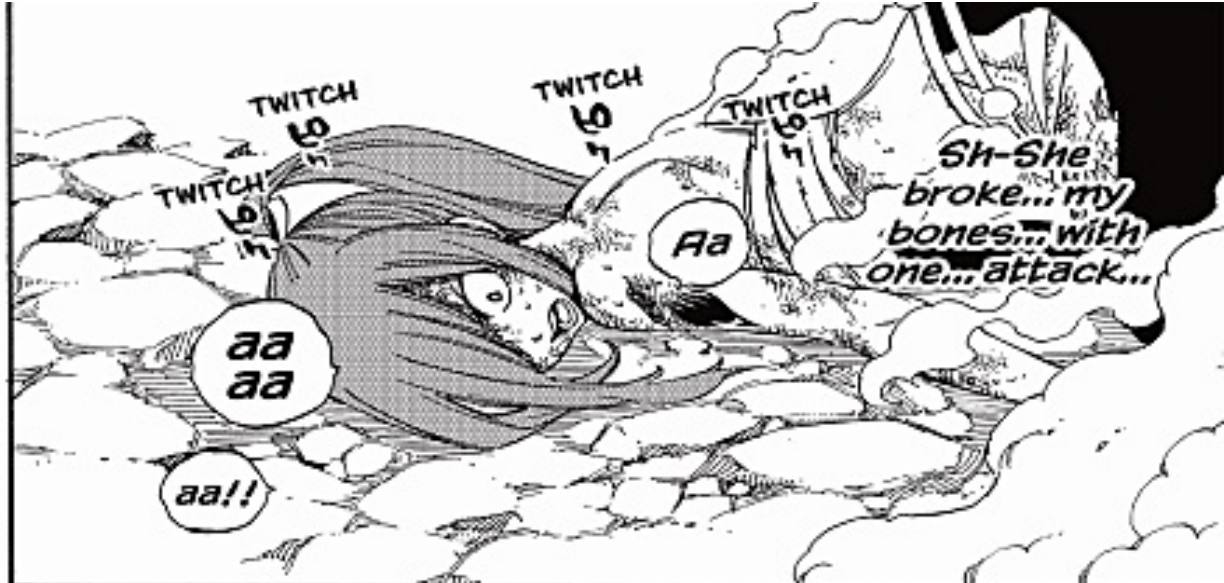
aa!!

aa



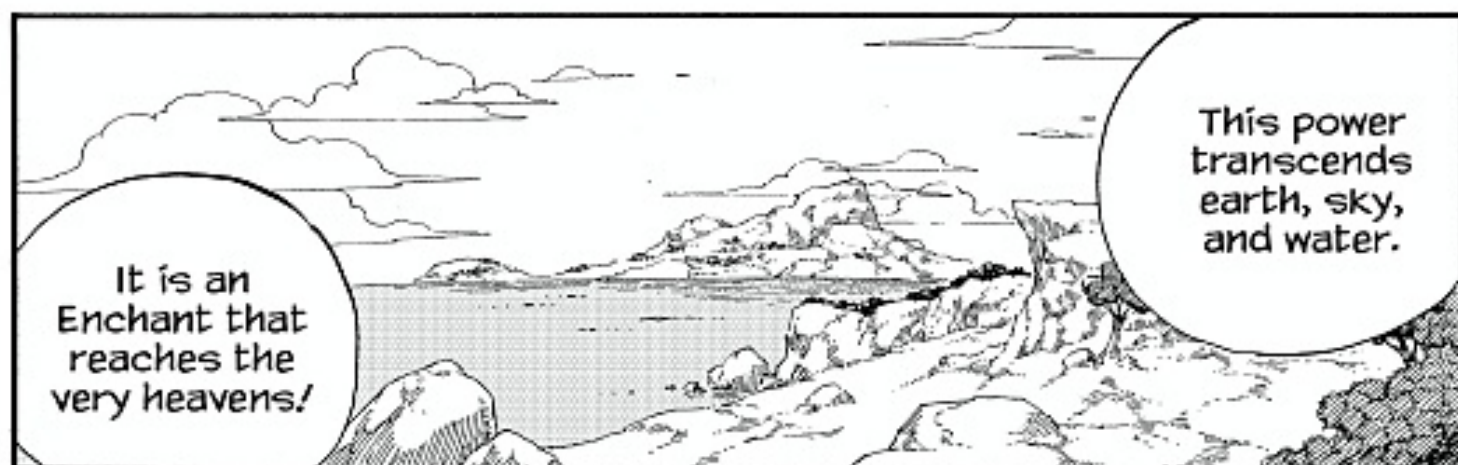








...up to
the level
of Master
Enchant!



It is an
Enchant that
reaches the
very heavens!

This power
transcends
earth, sky,
and water.

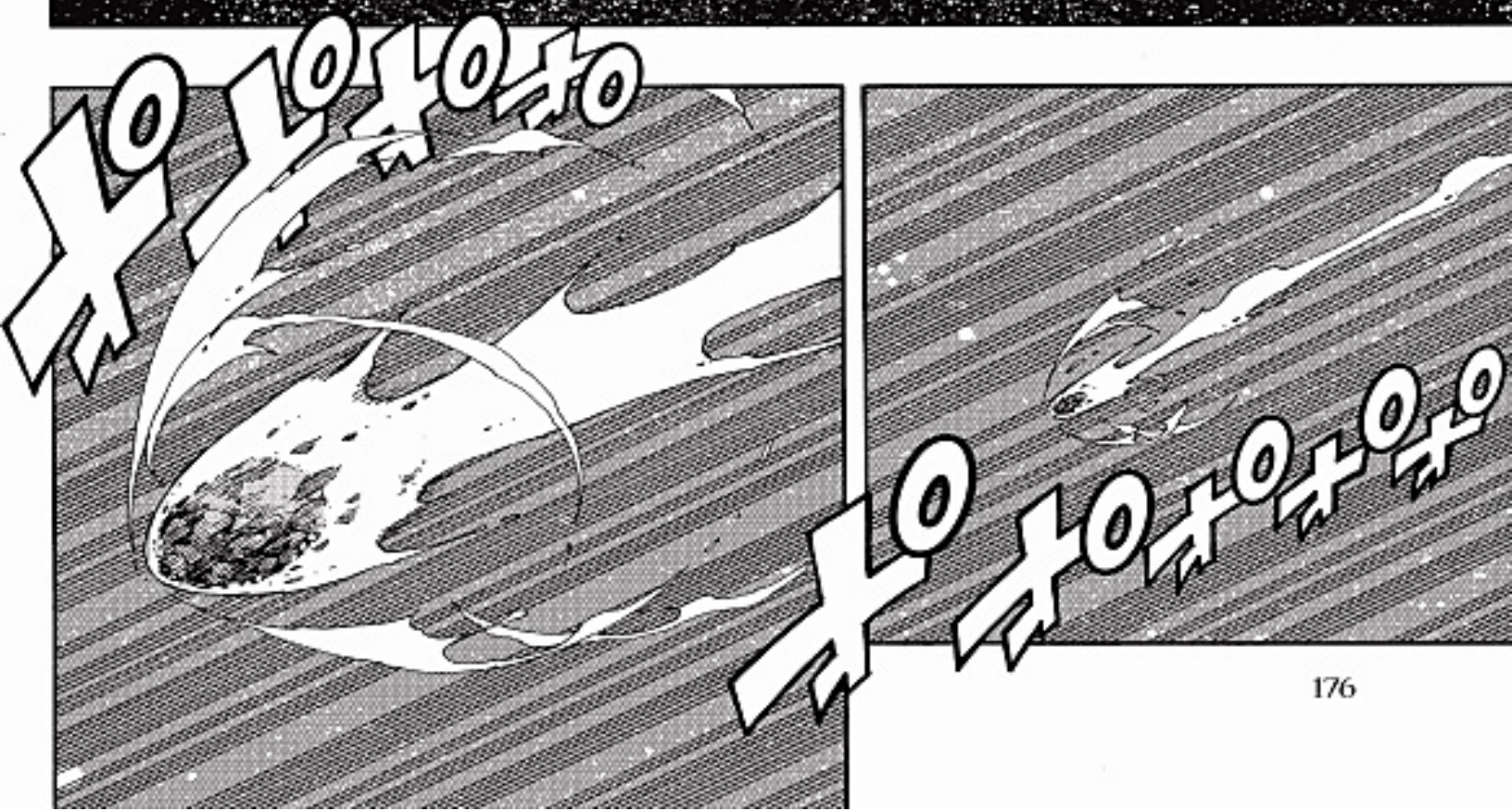
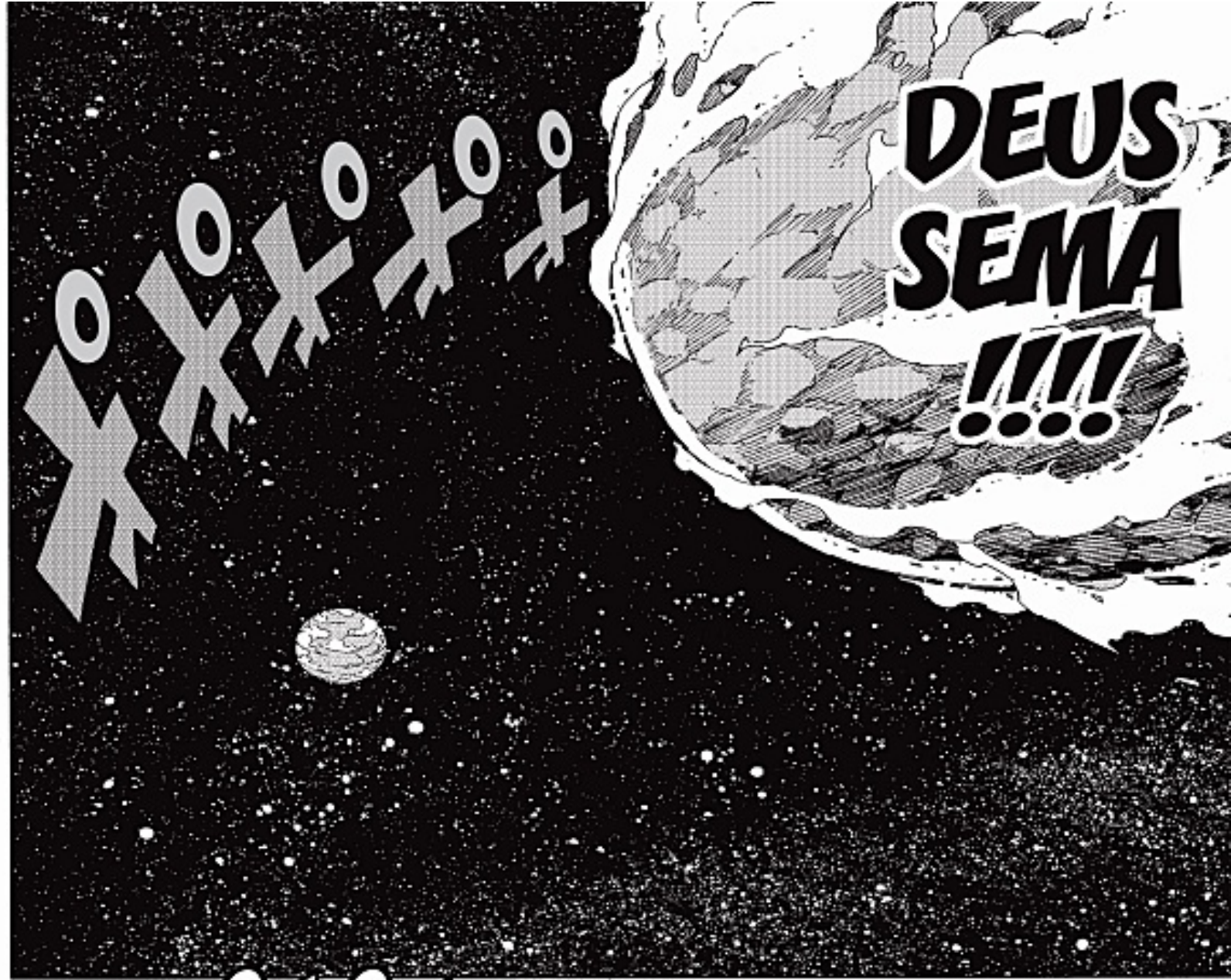


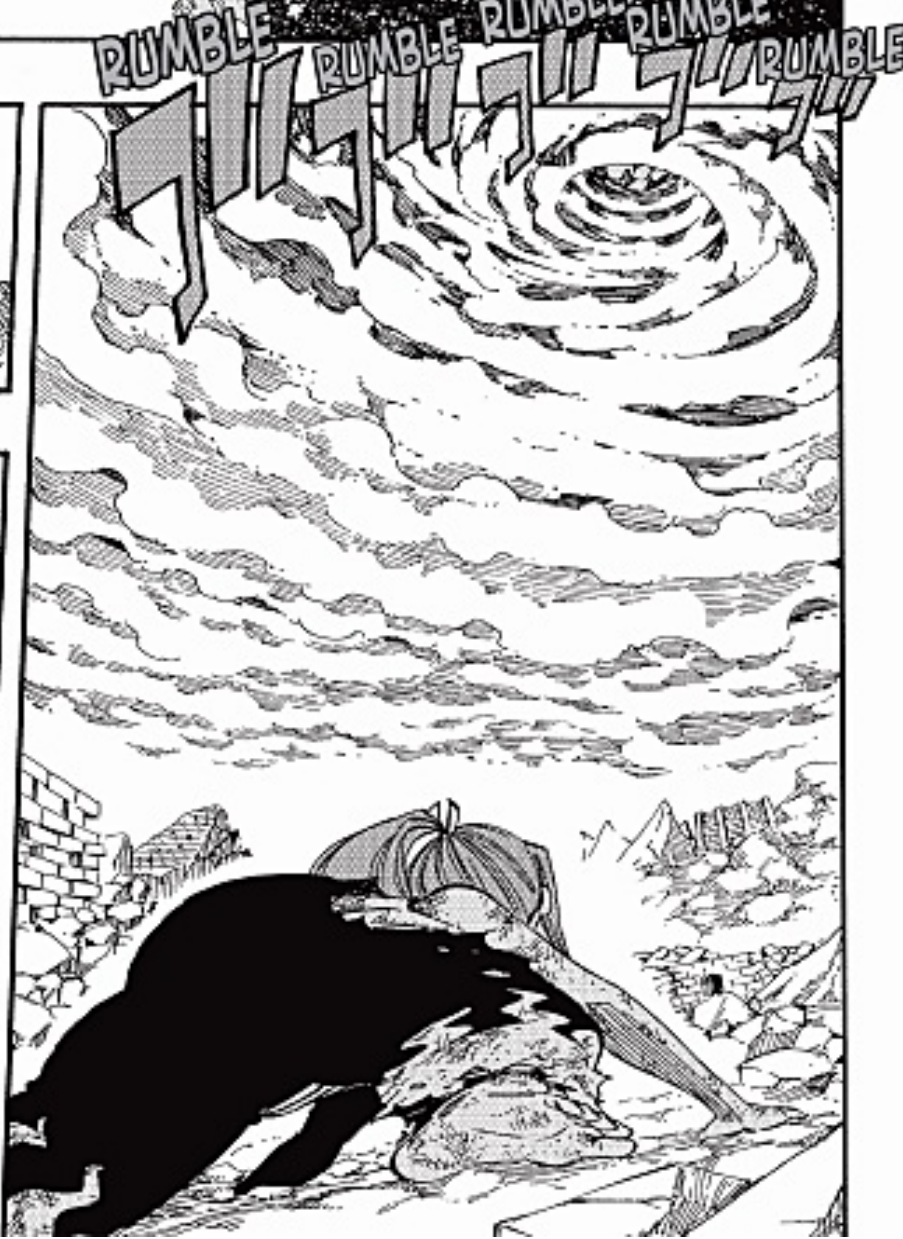
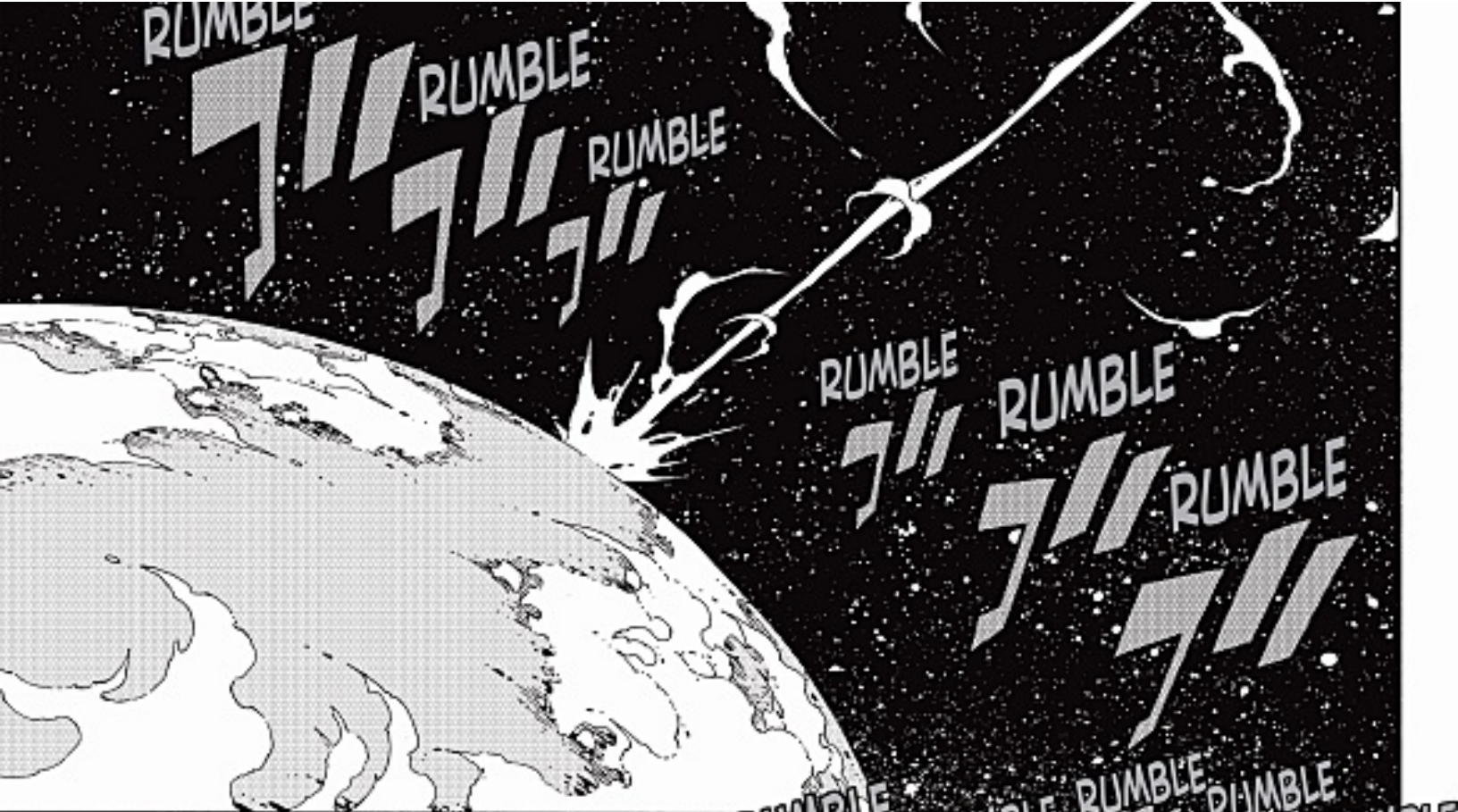
Now...you
will be ground
into nothing,
Erza!



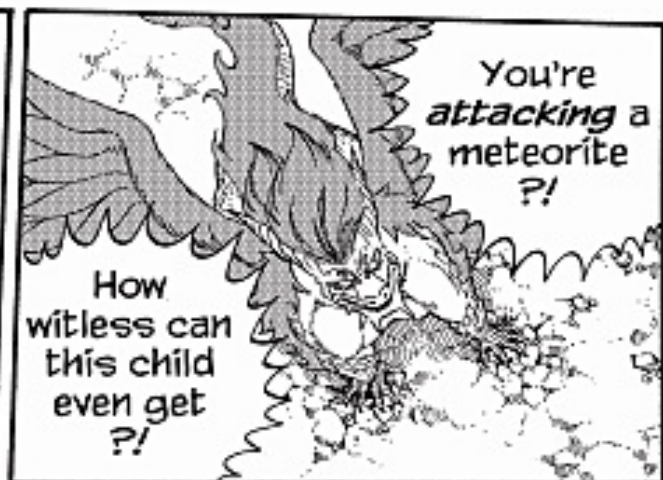
*M-My
body...
won't
move...*

...











...can ever
hope to stop
a meteorite
!!!

No
human
alive...



To tell the
truth...I never
paid much
attention to
that.

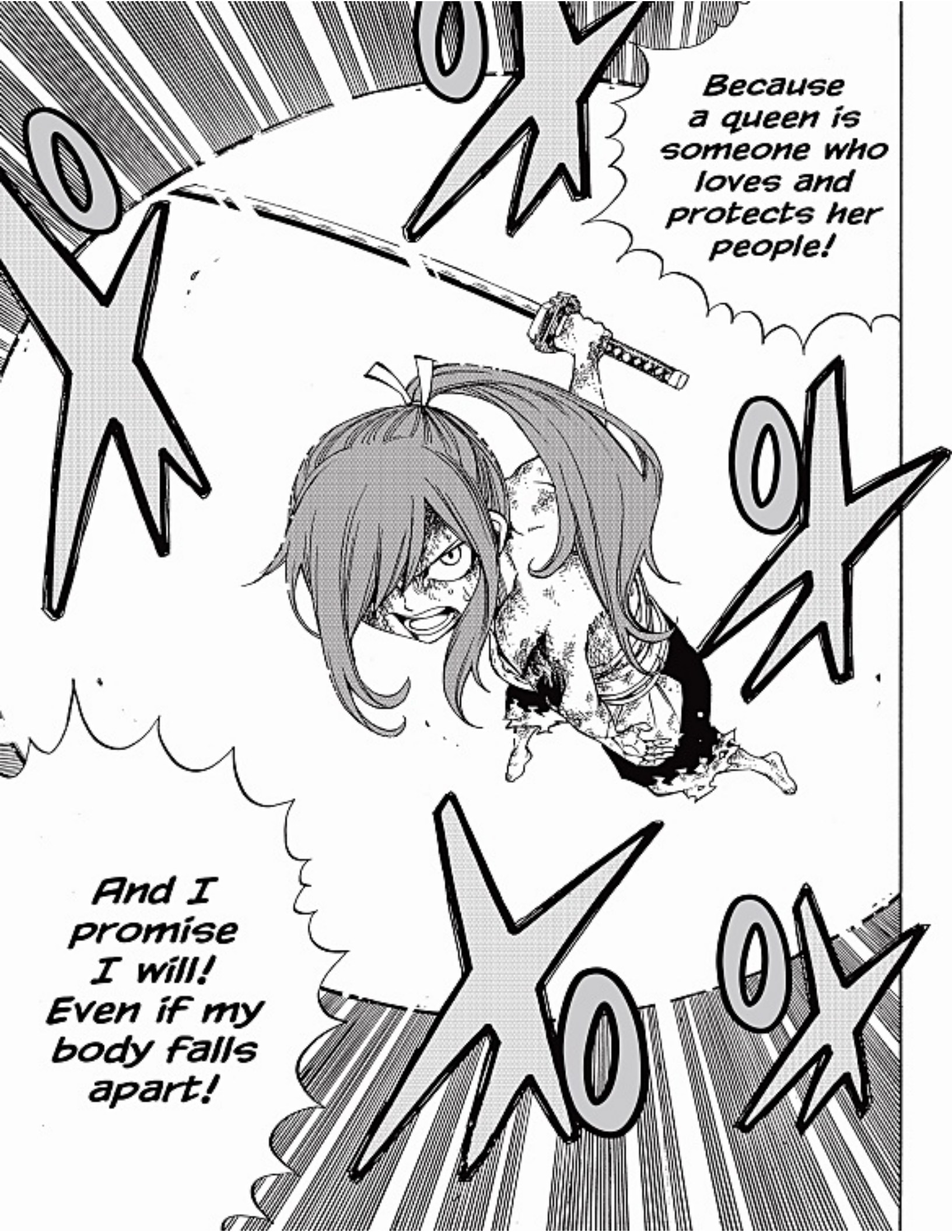
Before I
knew it, people
started calling
me Titania!



...then
I don't mind
being Titania,
the queen of
the fairies!



But if
you're a
queen of
dragons...



*Because
a queen is
someone who
loves and
protects her
people!*

*And I
promise
I will!
Even if my
body falls
apart!*



**Master,
give me
strength
!!!!**



I do not...

*...understand
my daughter...*

TO BE CONTINUED

BONUS PAGES



Mira: Next question!

In Chapter 503, during DiMaria's stopped time, what really went down?



Lucy: O-Oh, that. Well that whole thing saved me, but Natsu went a little weird...

Mira: Considering how scared DiMaria got, it had to be something well out of the ordinary.

Lucy: Meaning that Natsu was able to move within stopped time?

Mira: How about we consider the order of events?

- ① DiMaria stopped time.
- ② When Lucy wakes up, DiMaria is out cold!

: Hold on a minute! How could he have moved in stopped time?

Mira: Maybe it's a power he got for being E.N.D. or something like that?

Lucy: Natsu was tied up, too, wasn't he?

Mira: He just went, "BOOM!" and used his E.N.D. power!

Lucy: He had those magic-power blocking handcuffs on, too.

Mira: E.N.D. Power!!

Lucy: That's a really useful power.

Mira: Then, right after that...
③ Natsu notices Lucy (and stares at her chest).

: Don't you dare stare, Natsu!!!

: But her words come too late.
④ Anyway, Natsu removes the ropes from Lucy (and in doing so, takes another long gander at her chest).

: Too much gandering!!!!

Mira: See, Natsu's a hot-blooded male...

- ⑤ Natsu sees an unmoving Lucy and mistakes her for dead.
- ⑥ The power of E.N.D. awakens!
- ⑦ He gives DiMaria one last punch, and...
- ⑧ Heads out to find Zeref.

Lucy: That's pretty much what happened, huh?

Mira: 'Cause, y'know, he's a hot-blooded male.

Lucy: Can we drop the subject already?

When are we going to see the Capricorn form of Lucy's Star Dress?



Lucy: Well, it's just possible that it may appear in the **Second Theatrical Film** release, or maybe not.

Mira: Huh? Well, is it or isn't it?!

Lucy: I can't say yet!

Mira: Purupuru, pipiin!



At a café in Magnolia...



: Hi there, everybody!!



: Purupurupu, pipilin!♪



: Huh?! What's that about?!

Mira: You know! I was doing an impression of your Celestial Spirit, Plue!

Lucy: Nope! That was nothing like him!

Mira: Anyway, let's give this section our all once more!

Lucy: O-Okay... Then, let's dive into the first question.

I really love Brandish-chan, so give her a happy ending!



Mira: I think Brandish may be the most popular of The 12.

Lucy: Although Irene and DiMaria (who really put me through the ringer) are also really well loved.

Mira: Well, the ladies of The 12 are popular.

Lucy: In regards to the men, we've got **God Selenia!**

Mira: Huh? But he's just...you know...

Lucy: Kind of cute in a "too bad" sort of way...?



: The author is leaning towards Jacob.

Lucy: Come to think of it, you're right in the middle of battling him, right? Good luck with that!

Mira: I am. But for some reason, he's keeping his eyes shut for the whole match.



: What?

Mira: I'm sure he's an extremely powerful wizard, but thanks to that, we're pretty evenly matched.

Lucy: Mira-san, that couldn't be because you're wearing something **really revealing**, is it?



: Oh, dear! I can't seem to stay ladylike!

Lucy: Going back...to the subject at hand... I really want Brandish to have a happy ending, too!

Mira: That would be nice... Well, the best would be for everyone to have a happy ending.

Lucy: But the latest plot developments make me wonder if they will...

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▲ Really good!! And cute!! Thanks so much for the great Wendy!

▼ That's Natsu's scarf, right?



Shizuoka Prefecture, Daisi Fujita

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▲ Wow! Fired-up Natsu is really cool!

▼ Oh! This is cute! And the plunging neckline is so sexy!



Gunma Prefecture, Marumi Yamamoto

That's kind of cute. It's weird how cute it is.



Hyogo Prefecture, YOKI Takezawa

I'll bet the artist put a lot of thought into the Chinese characters for each name!



Fukuoka Prefecture, Marumi Asada

Kanagawa Prefecture, Kishio Chigai



◀ You graduated! Congratulations! Hope you have fun in Jr. High!

Osaka, Tenshi



◀ Thank you... It gave me a lot of courage!

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Hokkaido, Sakura-mochi



▲ Woow... Lots of characters! Even ones from my past stories. Thank you!

▼ This Wendy is so cute! It just makes me feel better!



Tochigi Prefecture, NasaMero-tan

Miyazaki Prefecture, Yūdal Iwamoto



▲ Yaaay! A Jacob!! Huh? He wants to dance? With you?

REJECTION CORNER

Oosaka, Harukaze Gokijetto



▲ At first, I didn't even realize...

▼ That way he's eating it makes it look so delicious! I'd like to eat it myself! Aye!



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Okayama Prefecture, mami



▲ I'm going to do the story of these two very soon. Really!

Spot the difference!

This image and the image on the title page of Chapter 517 on page 143 look exactly alike! But when you look closer, there's something a bit peculiar... There are a total of ten differences. Can you spot them all?





Afterword

There's a chapter this time where I give away some vital secrets regarding the dragon slayers. What did you think of it? Some people said, "How amazing that you planned this from the beginning!" and others said, "That's an awful thing to just tack on as an after thought!" but the thing I heard the most was, "Hmmm..." Well, I can't deny that I came up with it later, but most of the story's setup was thought up after Chapter 1. There was once an editor who said, "A story is a living thing." It has a tendency to grow and many aspects get added. You know, I didn't have everything set in stone from the very start, so as the story progressed, I thoughtfully added little by little to match it.

So, about Irene's setup. From well before she arrived, I had decided that she would be the mother of dragon slayers. But it may surprise you to learn that her relationship to Erza hadn't been decided then. That's why when she faced off against Acnologia earlier, I wasn't able to have the two talk about dragon slayer magic too much. Yup, it's because I still hadn't decided on her relationship to Erza. I should have been a bit more careful about what I did there.

Speaking of things that I thought up afterwards, I think I've written about this before, but nearly all of Erza's setup as a character was thought up after her introduction.

Back when she first showed up, I had decided on her magic and her relationship with Jellal (Siegrain). But I hadn't decided on how she would become mixed up with the various things that Natsu was up to. Things just started rolling along without perfect planning, but as if trying to prove that "a story is a living thing," Erza grew and became one of the most popular characters in Fairy Tail.

As long as it's a weekly manga series, there will always be a part that is "thought up after the fact." But still, not letting the reader see through that is one of the jobs of a professional, I suppose!



FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

60



真島ヒロ HIROSHIMA

FROM HIRO MASHIMA



I feel like I was just clamoring
about the 50th volume, and now
we're already at Volume 60!!
It's surprising how quickly it all
goes by, isn't it?
Well, I'm sure some of you have
begun to sense this, but this arc
is Fairy Tail's final story.
I'm going to continue drawing,
and charge to the end with all
my might.
Your support from here on out
would mean a lot to me.
Thank you very much.

Translation Notes:

Japanese is a difficult language, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

Page 28,

Akujiki no Kon

The term, *akujiki* can mean a person who sometimes eats bizarre things, or a person who eats nothing but things that humans don't normally eat. In any case, it refers to eating unusual items. *Kon* uses the *kanji* for "soul."



Page 44, Fuda

The paper strips with writing that appear here are very common in Japan. The normal household *fuda* can be obtained at shrines and temples, and usually call on some supernatural power to protect the home from things such as fire or flood. However, *fuda* are often found in manga as indicating the boundaries of a magical ward or flying toward an opponent as part of a magical attack.

Page 52, Ashiginu

As mentioned in the notes of Volume 48, *ashiginu* is a coarse and thick variety of silk for cheap silk garments.

Page 75, Hanamaru

In some western elementary schools, a teacher may give the student a gold-star sticker for good work. In Japan, it tends to be a flower symbol called the *hanamaru*. It's usually drawn by hand in pen or pencil, and it marks correct answers or a "good effort" by the student.

Page 138, Deus Equis

Wendy has used this Enchant spell before during her fight with the Tartaros demon, Ezel. Although the Latin *Equis* means "horse," in Japanese, it's written with the *kanji* for "knight."

Page 155, Deus Corona

With *Equis* and *Corona*, you'd think that Enchant magic is an advertisement for beer brands, but it's just Latin. In this case, *Corona* means "crown," and in the original Japanese manga, the *kanji* next to the pronunciation guide expresses that.



Next Time...

AND
ERZA
LETS
OUT
THE

Hya

aa

いん
せき

A
meteorite
comes
crashing
to the
ground...

GRRRRND

aa
ROAR
OF
HER
LIFE!!

THE SPELL DEUS SEMA
WILL BRING UNTOLD
DESTRUCTION, AND ONLY
ONE WOMAN STANDS IN
ITS WAY! HOW WILL THE
BLOODY BATTLE BETWEEN
MOTHER AND DAUGHTER
TURN OUT?!





You've just
put yourself
in a situation
that will cause
Natsu the
most grief.



So...I'm
gonna
die?

Natsu, lost within
his own heart, comes face
to face with his destiny...
WHERE WILL THAT DESTINY LEAD HIM?!

RUMBLE



RUMBLE

RUMBLE
And finally,
the enraged
Wizard King,
August, makes
his move! And
his awesome
magical power
makes the
earth and the
sky tremble!

**THE FINAL BATTLE WITH
ZEREF IS HEATING UP!**



RUMBLE

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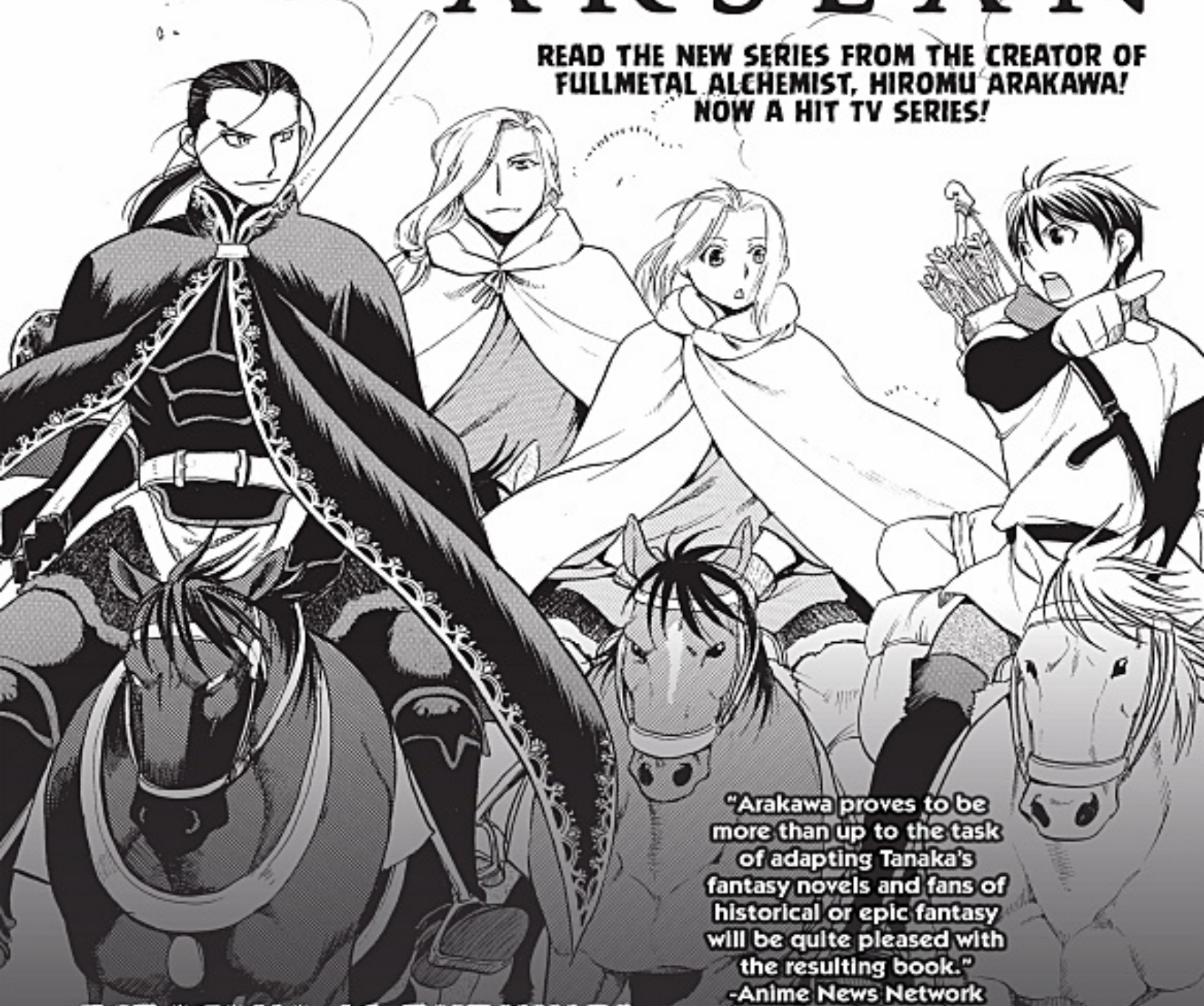
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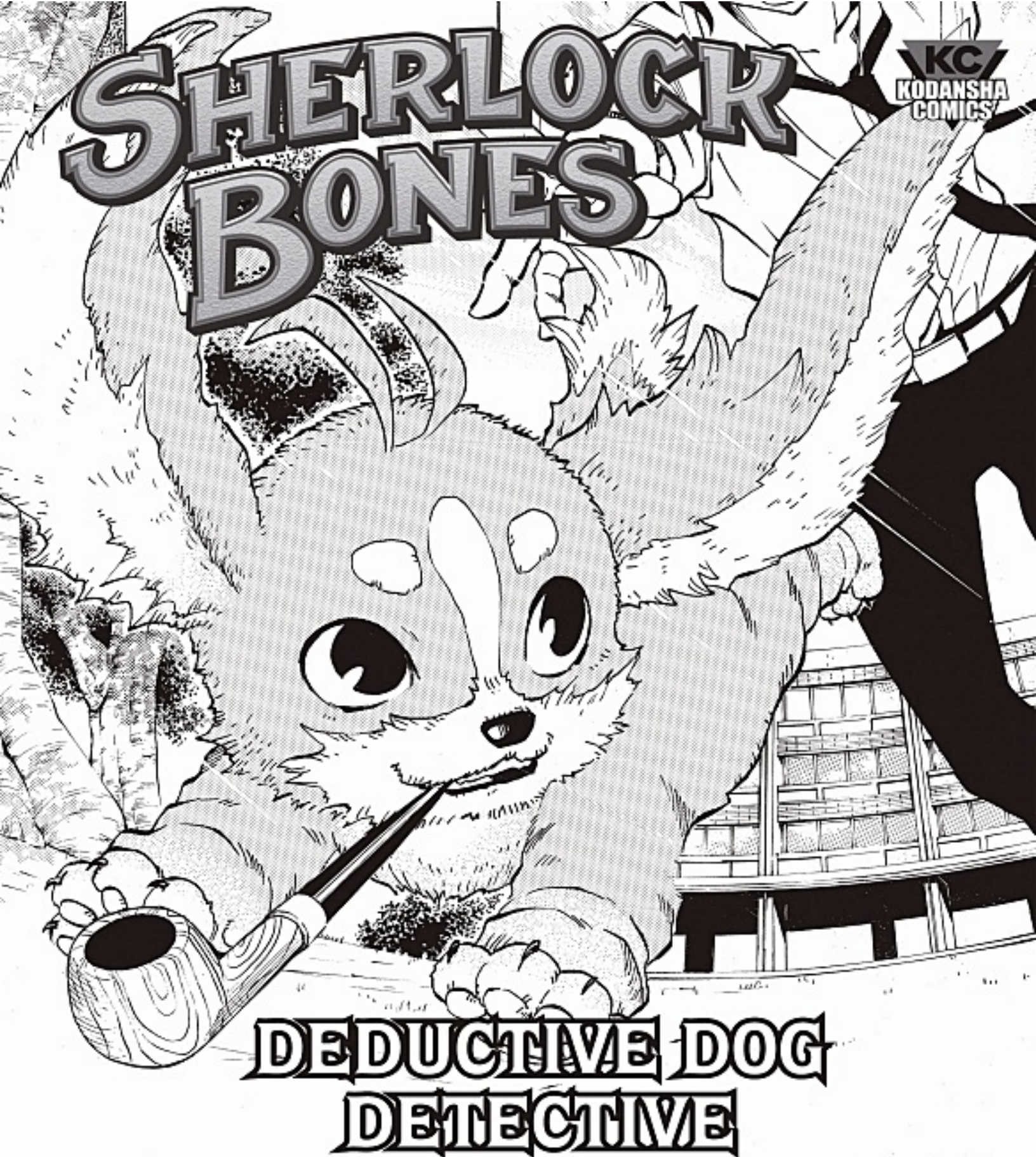
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I Love
You.



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undying love

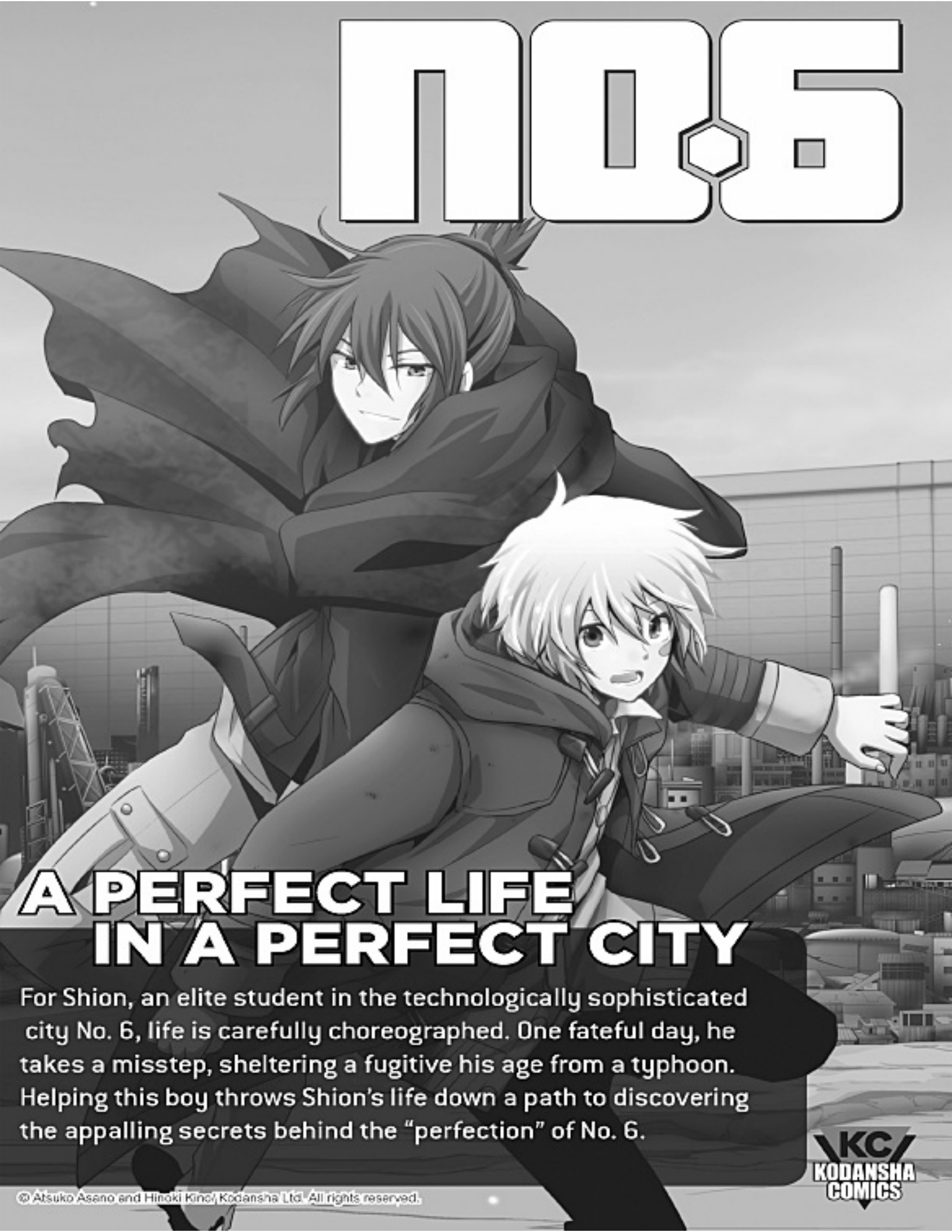
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LIKE
ZOMBIE
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